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Original Poetry.

HAPPINESS.

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Respectfully dedicated to Mrs. Mary W. P———s.

All men pursue good, and would be happy if they knew how; but fleeter for monster, and miserable for lassitude, but happy, if possible, through every part of their existence—Harris.

Compared with this, how poor Religion's pride,
In all the pomp of method and of art,
When men display to congregations wide,
Devotion's every grace except the heart!
The God that rules in it, the God that rules earth and heaven,
The prayer-heard strain, the devotional smile;
But happy, in some cottage, far apart,
May here, well pleased, the language of the soul;
And in the book of life the inmates poor enroll.
The Cotter's Saturday Night.

Blest Happiness! how lovely, and how bright
Beams thy fair star, where its radiance glows;
How pure the incense, lit by its sacred light,
Which from the fountain of the goodness flows!
How deep the charm imagination brings,
Of all thy beauties in their pristine truth;
How sweet the song which playful fancy sings,
When bounding from thy joyful Eden forth!

Mankind have sought to win thee by their care,
And garland life with thine exalted gems,
To chain thee firmly in their crowded marts,
With pearls, and gold, and stately diadems.
Kings have allured thee to the princely hall,
Where grand temptations in their splendor wed;
And fetters strong, from wave to monk's call,
To sleep thy form with ordeal and wave plied.

The lowly, the mighty, and the sons of shift,
Have all thy fleeting shadows far pursued;
And each conceived to find thee 'neath his will—
A common victim by their strength subdued.
But no—to all alike hast thou declared
With sovereign voice, and high and juristic tone,
That e'en since Time to journey was prepared,
Man's joy thou art through nature's realms alone!

A precious idol, which the world's applause
Has lastly landed on from age to age;
Whose shrine dominates the first and fondest cause
Of virtue, unknown, mindful, bright, and sage.
In what mild clime, fair stranger, dost thou roam?
(If aught on earth delights thy cyrie home,)
Where be the precincts of thy envied home;
Or where can lasting happiness be found?

In bold relief, a lonely cottage stood,
Upon a hillside, bounded by a rill,
Nigh to the borders of a wide-spread wood,
Surrounded by a view serene and still,
Built in red brown roof, and moss-grown tiles,
Secure from every blast the tempest dealt,
Calmly within a world of social smiles,
A troubled pair, in sweet contentment dwelt.

Fortune to them her favors had denied;
Though plenty reigned around their welcome door,
Whilst freely was each useful want supplied,
That set of reason could they ask for more,
And they were happy in their humble life,
Crown'd with the blue which marks the mated dove;
He a kind husband, she a tender wife—
The proudest emblem of devoted love!

Contented kind they in their quiet lot,
Well loved by all—envied by not a few;
Joy and quiescence fill'd that happy cot,
Which ne'er shone dim, but brighter, sweeter grew.
Theirs was the life of harmony and peace,
Free from earth's common cares, and she'ring woes;
When hand and mind in flesh shall never cease,
But glimmer on, till death in wake shall close.

How plain the moral which had been concealed
Beneath the trodden paths of marching mind;
How bright the picture at a glance revealed,
And left to tell its tale to all mankind!
There hushed the echo of that mystic knell,
Which mortals sought in vain their hopes to them;
No awful power can move, or pierce the spell—
Where blest contentment reigns in happiness!

Original Novel.

MARIAN;

Or, Ingleborough Hall.

A TALE OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY CONTINUED.

WRITTEN FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST, BY HENRY WILLIAM HERBERT, AUTHOR OF "MARMADUKE WYVIL," "GUARICA," "RINGWOOD THE ROVER," "CROMWELL," "THE BRETHREN," &c.

CHAPTER XIV.

Dressing herself in haste she sought, as usual, her mother's chamber and found her happy—oh! how supremely happy in her benighted state, since she knew not, nor understood at all, the sorrows of those whom she once had loved so tenderly—found her in a deep calm slumber—kissed her brow silently, and breathed a fond prayer over her, then hurried thence to Marian's chamber. The door stood open, it was vacant! Down the stairs to the garden—the door that led to that sweet spot was barred and bolted—the front door stood open the latch, and by that Annabel passed out into the fresh young morning. How fair, how peaceable, how calm, was all around her—how utterly unlike the strife, the trials, the cares, the sorrows, the hot hatreds of the animated world—how utterly unlike the anxious pains which were then gnawing at that fair creature's heartstrings!

She stood awhile, and gazed around, and listened, but no sound met her ear, except the oft-heard music of the wind and water—except the well-known points of that familiar scene—she walked—she ran—a fresh fear struck her, a fear of she knew not what—she flew to the garden—"Marian! Marian!"—but no Marian came! no voice made answer to her shrill entreaties—back! back! she hurried to the house, but in her way she crossed the road leading to the stables—there were fresh horse-tracks—several fresh horse-tracks—one which looked like the print of Madam's palfrey!

Without a moment's hesitation, she rushed into the stable court, no groom was there, nor stable boy, nor helper—and yet the door stood open, and a fond trembling neighing, Annabel knew it instantly to be the call of her own jennet, was wakening unanswered echoes. She stood a moment like a statue before she could command herself to cross the threshold.

She crossed it, and the stall where Marian's palfrey should have stood, next her own, was vacant.

The chargers of De Vaux were gone; the horses of his followers—all—all gone! She shrieked aloud—she shrieked, till every pinnacle and turret of the old hall, till every dell and hoodland of the hills, sent back a rolling echo. It scarcely ceased a second before the court-yard, which, a moment since, so silent and deserted, was full of hurrying men and frightened women—the news was instantly abroad that Mistress Marian had been spirited away by the false knd. Horses were saddled instantly, and broadswords girded on, and men were mounting in hot haste, ere Annabel had in so much recovered from the shock as to know what to order or advise—swift and hasty pursuit had been taken, but the good vicar, and the probendary came down in time to hinder them.

A hurried consultation was held in the house, and it was speedily determined, that the two clergymen should set forth on the instant, with a sufficient escort to pursue, and if it should be possible, bring back the fugitive—and although Annabel at the first was in despair, fancying that them could be no hope of her being overtaken, yet was she somewhat reassured on learning that De Vaux could not quit his regiment, and that the slow route of the troopers on a long march could easily be caught up, even by aged travellers.

The sun was scarce three hours high when the pursuers started—all that day long it lagged across the sky—it set, and was succeeded by night, longer still, and still more dreary—another day! and yet another! Oh the slow agony of waiting! the torture of unmeasuring minutes!—each minute seemingly an age—the dull, heart-sickening suspense of awaiting tidings—tidings which the heart tells us—the heart, too faithful prophet of the future—cannot, by possibility, be good! While reason interposes her vain veto to the heart's decisions, and hope uplifts her false and siren song!

The third night was at hand, and Annabel was sitting at the same window—how often it seems, that one spot witnesses the dearest scenes most interesting, most eventful to the same individual.

Is it, that consciousness of what has passed, leads man to the spot marked by one event, where he expects another! or can it be indeed a destiny!

The third night was at hand, and Annabel was sitting at that same window, when on the distant highway she beheld her friends returning, but they rode heavily and sadly onward; nor was there any flutter of female garbs among them. Marian was not among them! They came—the story was soon told!—they had succeeded in overtaking the regiment, they had seen Ernest, and Marian was his wife!

The register of her marriage, duly attested, had been shown to her uncle in the church at Ripon, and though she had refused to see them, she had sent word that she was well and happy, with many messages of love and cordiality to Annabel, and promises that she would write at short and frequent intervals.

No more was to be done—nothing was to be said at all. Men marvelled at De Vaux, and envied him! Women blamed Marian Hawkwood, and they, too, envied! But Annabel said nothing—but went about her daily duties, tending her helpless mother, and answering her endless queries concerning Marian's absence, and visiting her pensioners, among the village poor, seemingly cheerful and contented. But her cheek constantly grew paler, and her form thinner and less round. The sword was hourly wearing out the scabbard! The spirit was too mighty for the vessel that contained it.

Five years passed thus—five weariness long years—years of domestic strife and civil war, of blood-shed, conflagration and despair throughout all England. The party of the king, superior at the first, was waxing daily weaker, and was almost lost. For the first years Marian did write, and that, too, frequently and fondly, to her sister; never alluding to the past, and seldom to De Vaux, except to say that he was all she wished him, and she more happy than she hoped, or deserved to be. But gradually did the letters become less frequent and more formal; communications were obstructed, and posts were intercepted, and scarce, at last, did Annabel hear twice in twelve months of her sister's welfare. And when she did hear, the correspondence had become cold and lifeless; the tone of Marian, too, was altered, the buoyancy was gone—the mirth—the soul—and, though she complained not, nor hinted that she was unhappy, yet Annabel saw plainly that it was so. Saw it, and sorrowed, and said nothing.

Thus time passed on, with all its tides and chances, and the old paralytic invalid was gathered to her fathers, and slept beside her husband in the yard of the same humble church which had beheld their union, and Annabel was more alone than ever.

CHAPTER XV.

Five years had elapsed since Marian had fled from Ingleborough Hall, and, as I have said already, Annabel knew but little of what had passed with that cherished sister since her flight. She knew, indeed, that for the first years of her marriage she was happy; and so joyously did she sympathize with that happiness, so sincerely did her letters, whenever she had an opportunity of writing, express that sympathy, unmixed with any touch of jealousy or uneasiness, that Marian could not long resist the growth of the conviction, strengthened at every renewal of the correspondence, that Ernest had deceived her, in the account by which he had prevailed on her to elope with him. It is not, perhaps, very strange, however—for we cannot call anything strange with propriety, that is of usual occurrence—that, so long as Ernest de Vaux continued to be the rapturous lover, and after that, the gentle and assiduous husband, she felt no resentment, nor any, indeed, any inclination to blame him for the deceit, which had produced happy results only to herself, and had resulted in no permanent estrangement, or breach of confidence between herself and Annabel. What contributed, moreover, in no slight degree to this placability on Marian's part, was that, without ever actually confessing that he had spoken falsely, De Vaux, as soon as she was once irrevocably his, exerted himself to palliate the conduct of Annabel, representing it as a natural effect of galled and wounded feelings, as a lapse to be pitied rather than blamed severely, and effectually succeeded in re-establishing kind thoughts in her heart, and so—for poor Annabel never knew nor imagined aught of Marian's causeless suspicion and dislike—brought the sisters back to their wonted footing of perfect familiarity and untrammelled confidence.

Still, in despite of this, though Marian had nothing which she desired to conceal from her sister, except what she believed to be the solitary instance of deception in her husband—which, though, she excused it to herself as a sort of pious fraud, necessary to secure her happiness, she yet felt as it were intuitively that Annabel could neither regard in that light, nor ever pardon very readily—though Marian, I say, had nothing except this which she desired to conceal, and though her sister was the very soul of frankness and ingenuous truth, still any correspondence, even, the freest and most unreserved, is but a sorry substitute for personal intercourse and conversation, and can at best but convey very slightly an idea of the true state of sentiments, emotions, and events, especially when they are postponed through a long course of years.

Rennie, and the course of the earlier part of the civil war, which was waged for the most part in the southern and midland counties, had prevented the sisters from meeting, Annabel remaining during the life-time of her beloved mother, assiduously and severely devoted to her comforts, while Marian, for the most part, followed the court of the unhappy Charles, who still, at Oxford or elsewhere, kept up the semblance, at least, of his kingly style, and held his parliament of such peers as remained true to the cause of their own order, of the church and the crown.

Among all the bold cavaliers, who fought and bled so generously for the unhappy king, the most unhappy and least vicious of an unhappy vicious race, there was not one more gallant, one who achieved more glory than De Vaux. Among all the fair dames, aristocrats of nature, as of birth, who graced the halls of declining royalty, there was not one more lovely, more admired, or more followed, than the bright and still happy Marian. Delighted by the fame and honors which daily fell more thickly on her husband, amazed, pleased, and dazzled by the novelty of her position, for a considerable time Marian believed herself perfectly happy, as she believed herself also to be devotedly beloved by her husband.

The very hurry and turmoil in the midst of which she necessarily lived, was not without its wild and half pleasurable excitement—after custom and experience, and the seeing him return home victorious and unwounded, had steeled her against the terrors and the anguish which assailed her at first, whenever he rode forth to battle, there was a sort of charm in the short absences, from which he ever hurried home, as it appeared more fond and more enamored than in the first days of her wedded life. This hurry and turmoil, moreover, afforded to De Vaux constant and plausible excuses by which to account for and mask his irregularities, which became in truth more and more frequent, as the fresh character and lovely person of his wife gradually palled on him by possession. For in truth he was a wild, reckless, fickle man—not by any means all evil, or without many generous and gentle impulses, although these had been growing daily, weaker and less frequent through a life of self-indulgence and voluptuousness, still very little was now left of his original promise, save courtly manners, a fair exterior, and—simply to do him justice—a courage as indomitable, cool, and sustained, as it was vigorous and fiery.

He lived in a period of much license—he was the oldest son of a doating father—he had lost his mother, while he was yet a mere boy—all three vast disadvantages—vast misfortunes to a young man. Indulged to the utmost of his wild and fantastic wishes by his father, encouraged rather than checked in these extravagances, which the cavaliers of the day affected somewhat, in order to mask their detestation of the cold-blooded hypocrisy, and ridiculously insincere profession of those most odious imposters, who constituted the vast majority of the Puritanic leaders—launched very young into the world, with handsome person, courtly manners, high rank, and almost boundless wealth, his success with the women of the court, in an age the most licentious England had then witnessed, was wide and unbounded.

He had already become the most hardened being in the world, a cool voluptuary, a sensual, luxurious, calculating courtier, when he met Marian at the Sheriff's ball, at York, and was struck instantly by her extraordinary beauty. Having approached her in consequence of this admiration, tired as he was, and sick of the hackneyed and artificial characters, the affectations, and mimmeries, and want of heart of all the women with whom he had as yet been familiar, he was soon yet more captivated by the freshness of her soul, the artlessness of her manner, the frank, ingenuous, off handed simplicity of her bright, innocent youth, fearless of wrong, and unsuspicious of evil, than he had been by her beauty. So that before he was compelled by paramount duty—the only duty which he owned, military duty namely—to quit York, he was as much in love, as his evil course of life and acquired habits had left him the power of being, with the purest country maiden. That is to say—he had determined that the possession of her was actually necessary to his existence, and a thing to be acquired on any terms—nay! he had even thought many times, that she might be endurable for a much longer period than any of his former loves, and began to fancy, that, when his passion should have settled down into esteem, he might be able to tolerate in Marian Hawkwood, the character he dreaded most in the world, that of a lawful wife.

There was something in the whole air and demeanor of Marian Hawkwood, that told the young debauchee, almost instinctively, that there was but one name in which she could be addressed—a purity and innocence of heart and of manner, likewise, which would have prevented the most dissolute and daring of mankind from dreaming even of approaching her with dishonorable addresses. Now, it was difficult for a man of De Vaux's character and principles—if that can be called principle—which is rather a total absence of all principle—accustomed to doubt and disbelieve and to sneer at the possibility of female virtue, to bring himself to the resolution of deliberately of offering his hand to any woman, how passionately he might be attached to her, *never*; and this difficulty of making up his own mind it was, and not any timidity or bashfulness—things utterly strange and unknown to his hard and worldly nature—which caused that irresolution which had given offence so deep to Marian Hawkwood.

It cannot be denied that her manner on that interview did pique and provoke him beyond measure—that it threw him into doubt as to the question, whether she did indeed love him or not, and by awakening for a moment an idea of the possibility of his being rejected—an idea which had never so much as occurred to him before, even casually, materially increased his dislike to unbending into a tranquil and domestic Benedict.

These were the real reasons for his seemingly extraordinary conduct toward Marian in the first place; and not at all that which he had stated, for he had been indeed false—false from the beginning.

It was then in a singular state of mind, vexed with himself and irritated at finding himself subject to a passion seemingly hopeless, annoyed that he was unable to shake off that passion lightly, indignant with Marian for not appreciating sufficiently the honor he had done her, in so much as think of making her his wife, failed, furious, discontented, and devoured all the time by the agony of his fierce desire—for it is mere profanation to call that which he felt, love—he set forth from York to visit, as he imagined, the father of his cruel fair one.

Many wild schemes and projects flitted through his mind as he journeyed westward, which it were neither profitable nor pleasing to follow out; but each and all of those had reference to winning Marian in some shape or other, and at some period not remote.

What occurred when he reached Ingleborough, is known already to those who have thus far followed the fortunes of the sisters; but what in truth passed in the recesses of his own heart has never been divulged, nor can be known to any one. It may be that pique and anger at Marian's manner when they parted had really disposed him, as he said, to love another, honestly and truly; it may be that the amiable repose and charming sweetness of Annabel did indeed win upon his soul, and work for the time a partial reformation—but what alone is certain, is that he felt more of that repugnance to sacrificing what he called his liberty, which had actuated him with regard to Marian, when he proposed to Annabel.

It may be, on the other hand—and it would be by no means inconsistent, either with his past character or after conduct—that fickle and light as he was, and very liable to be captivated for the moment by the charms of woman, that, I say, he was influenced by a twofold motive—twofold and doubly base—of gratifying a passing caprice in marrying Annabel, and inflicting the heaviest punishment he could imagine on her sister at the same time. It is probable, even, that he might have had baser and more infamous projects in view, with respect to poor Marian; and it is certain that he looked to the disturbed and perilous state of the country, as to a favorable position of things to his purpose, should he desire to abandon his fair young wife, after a time—seeing that she had no influential relations to protect her, as? that if peace should be restored at last, little enquiry was likely to be made after affairs of mere personal consideration.

Frustrated in his intentions by the return of Marian, and by her inability to conceal the violence of the hopeless love which she still nourished for her sister's wooer, although she nourished it without one thought of evil entering her pure spirit, having betrayed mere even his own maddening passion, which returned upon him with redoubled violence, when he was thrown again into her society, he could not endure the scorn, the contempt, which he felt gathering around him, nor bear the publicity of his disappointment.

It was the fear of this publicity, then, and the determination that he would, under no circumstances, leave Ingleborough in the character of a rejected and disappointed suitor, that induced him to renew his solicitations to poor Marian. Shrewd and keen-sighted, and able judge of character as he was, he readily perceived that in the calm and composed soul of Annabel Hawkwood, there was a deep settled principle, a firm and resolute will, a determination capable of calling forth any powers, whether it were to do or endure. It required, therefore, little reflection to show him that with her he had now no possibility of succeeding—that once detected, as he felt himself to be, his whole mind and motives perused and understood as if they had been written out in a fair book for her inspection, the very love which she had entertained for him in the past, would but the more strongly arm her against him in the present.

Nor was this all—for even his effrontery was at fault, and his natural audacity shrunk from encountering the tranquil scorn, the quiet and unutterable loathing which he saw visible in every glance of her mild eye. Eye long, between the sense that he had irreparably injured her, and the knowledge that she understood him thoroughly, he came to hate her with a vehement and bitter hatred.

In this hatred, too, he found a new instigation to persevere in his attempts on Marian, for he was certain that, although the ordinary sources of annoyance, envy or jealousy, could never inflict a single sting on Annabel, he could wreak no kinlier vengeance on her than by making her beloved sister his wife—the wife of a man whom she despised so utterly—and he acknowledged it in his own secret soul—so worthily.

Unhappily in the impulsive and impetuous character of Marian, which he had studied to its inmost depths, he encountered no such resistance as he knew he should encounter from her sister. Falsehoods which would have been discovered instantly and rejected with scarce a consideration, by the quiet thoughtfulness and innocent penetration of the elder sister, wakened suspicions in the quicker mind of the younger, galled her to the very quick, dwelt in her heart, filling it with bitterness and gall, and at last ripened into terrible and dark convictions of the unworthiness of her who was, in truth, the best of sisters, and the tenderest of friends.

These were the motives—these the means of Ernest De Vaux—and we have seen, alas! how fully they succeeded!

What are the necessary consequences of a marriage contracted with such views as these, founded upon a man's caprice for a woman whom he would have made his mistress if he could, and only made his wife because he could by no other means possess her, cannot be doubted.

Nothing at first could be happier than Marian Hawkwood—for she mistook naturally enough, the fierce and violent passion of her young husband for genuine and veritable love, and, indeed, after satiety and possession had long dulled the ardor of this passion, circumstances for a long time conspired to keep up the illusion in the mind of Marian. The hurried and changed life which they led, the gratified vanity of her husband at the admiration which she excited everywhere, and which delighted his vain and fickle temperament long after he had ceased himself to care for her, all tended to delay the fatal discovery, which it was clear that she must one day make, that she was loved no longer.

At first, as she perceived that his attentions were declining, that he no longer hurried homeward with eager haste, his duty in the camp or in the court accomplished, that the revel or the dice detained him, she threw the blame on the unsettled times, on the demoralizing influence of civil warfare, and wild company and the want of a permanent and happy home. She prayed, and believed that with the war these things, which were converting fast her life into one scene of terror, would come to an end, and that shortly.

But neither did the war, nor the sorrows which she attributed to that war, seem likely to be brought to any speedy or even favorable termination.

No children had blessed that ill-fated union, and Marian, when she did not, in obedience to the order of her husband, go into the court gaieties, such as they were at that time, was almost entirely alone.

Alone she brooded in despondency, almost in despair, over her hopeless present life, and almost hopeless future. Write to her sister of her griefs she could not; where was the use of torturing that worn heart with other sorrows, when she most needs have enough sorrow of her own.

Abroad she was subject to the twofold agony of witnessing the bold and open faithlessness of her husband, his infamous addresses to the wild and licentious beauties, made, perhaps, wild and licentious by the extravagance of their natural protectors, and the strange and corrupting circumstances of the times—and of enduring the base solicitations and addresses of the gay friends of her husband—solicitations and addresses which she could scarce believe were unknown to him, who, most of all men, should have resented and avenged them.

Thus year by year dragged on, until Marian, thoroughly convinced of her husband's infidelity and baseness, which, indeed, he scarce now affected to conceal, was the most miserable of her sex.

All her high spirits had taken to themselves wings, and flown away—all her wild daring elasticity of character—tameless gaiety, which was so beautiful of old—her strong impulsive frankness—were broken, gone, obliterated. She had become a quiet, sad, heart-broken, meditative creature. Yet she repined not even—nor reproached him—nor gave way to sadness in his presence—but strove, poor wretch, to put on a semblance of the manners which he had once seemed to love, and her pale lips still wore a sickly smile as he drew near; and a wild cheerfulness would animate her for a moment; if, by chance, he spoke kindly, a hope would arise within her that he might still be reclaimed to the ways of virtue and of love.

But still the hope was deferred, and her heart grew sick—and utter gloom took possession of her—so that she now looked forward to another termination of her sorrows than the grave, and to that she indeed looked forward, at what time it should seem good to Him to corral it, who ordains all things, and all wisely.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Original Tales.

THE END OF INFIDELITY.

WRITTEN FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST, BY LYDIA JANE PEIRSON.

Amid the broken ranges of the Alleghany Mountains, in Western Pennsylvania, is a wild strange dell or hollow, little more than an acre in extent, walled on the north by high precipitous rocks which base the wooded mountain rising to the region of the clouds; west and south by green swelling ridges, and eastward by wild cliffs, rent by a rugged cleft through which escapes the water of a clear deep lake or pond which occupies full half the dell, being fed by many streams that leap coily down the mountains sides. Several years ago some hardy hunters, in following the fleet-footed elk, discovered the sylvan hollow, and being charmed by its romantic beauty, determined to pitch their camp beside the lake. One of them having approached the precipice on the north in quest of some material for their temporary habitation, was startled by a strange sound, which he satisfied himself came from a fissure of the rocky rampart. He hastened back to his companions, and imparted the discovery, as he thought, of a den of wild beasts. Having examined their trusty rifles they crept cautiously to the spot, and were soon convinced that the strange noise proceeded from a human being. One of the boldest of the company, with rifle in hand, crept in at the aperture whence the moans proceeded, and soon found himself in a large cavern, and near the object of his search, which, however, the darkness prevented his defining. He retreated, and then with arms and torches, the whole company crept into the cave, which was large, dry, and regular.

There on a couch of rushes lay the form of a man—a mere skeleton he was, with long grey beard and hair, but his clothing was clean and comfortable, and on bushes placed against the sides of his cave hung several changes of apparel, and near him stood a silver cup empty. He seemed delirious with fever, and moaned forth "Water, oh water!"

They brought water, and gave him some, in which they mingled a few drops of wine from their provision. He drank, and soon began to revive. No sooner did he discern a human face near him than he cried out, "Tell me something of God! Of the Christian God! Oh make it plain to me that such a God does exist. Can you prove it! Oh eternity—eternity depends upon your answer." The hunters were taken by surprise. Little skilled were they in theology; they believed firmly, but could hardly give a reason for the hope that was in them. They assured the sufferer, however, that there is a God such as Christians worship. But when they referred to the Bible as proof, he groaned, and muttered blasphemous curses, as he ground his clenched teeth. They looked upon him with wonder, almost with fear as he continued, "You believe that man is immortal; that there is a paradise of everlasting rest; and a hell! Oh a hell! I know there is a hell! I have felt its torments these many long years. I have wished for death; but oh! if I am immortal! how shall I endure eternity?"

At length he became calm as if exhausted by his agony; and then one of the hunters proposed reading from the Prayer Book which he carried with him the service for the Visitation of the sick. He commenced; the sick man listened attentively, and often uttered a fervent amen. At the conclusion he fell asleep; and from that sleep he never awoke. About day break, with a strong convulsion of the body, the spirit passed away.

Having laid his remains decently in a small chamber of the cave, the hunters searched for some clue to his history; and beneath the rushes of his bed, forming his pillow, they discovered a rich and beautiful casket, containing some magnificent jewellery, a miniature of a lady richly set, a small gold watch, and a roll of manuscript, containing a history, which though without name or date was presumed to be his own. Years have passed since the discovery, and the incident is nearly forgotten. But a few days ago the hunter into whose hands the manuscript fell, having become an old man, gave me the worn and discolored papers, with the story of its discovery. I have imparted the tale, but acting by his advice, concealed her suspicions from me, and redoubled all her tenderness toward me. On that fatal day, he assured her that I was on the eve of marriage, and persuaded her to try to recover me by a temporary abandonment. She went to a female friend, and he soon brought her tidings of my nuptials. In her despair he hurried her on ship-board, and now she was his wife.

Pierre laughed in my face, and bade me acknowledge myself out-generaled for once. I drew my blade and sheathed it in his breast. "Forgive!" he cried—"Louis—Mina! There is a God, and we shall meet before him." Then, with dreadful ravings of despair, he died.

Then I fled, for an unascertainable dread of an ignominious death impelled me away. I returned after a year. I discovered Mina—an inmate of an asylum for the insane. Feigning myself her brother, I obtained access to her, but she knew me not. Oh what a wreck she was. How could I look on her, and remember the beauty and purity of her girlhood. My name was ever on her lips, coupled with fond words of love, or bitter execration. And still she would repeat, "Oh, if I had been his wife, we should be happy now!" The fever of her mind was perceptibly wasting its frail tenement.

I resolved to carry her home to France. The physicians approved my plan. I made preparations for the voyage, but ere the ship was ready to sail Mina was too feeble to leave her bed. Hope now went out in its golden candlestick, and all my spirit was darkness. Torpid with agony, I sat by the bedside of my dying joy. Long time she slumbered; and when I ventured to suggest that she might awaken better, the doctor answered with a look of solemn meaning, a great change is at hand.

At length she awoke. It was evening. A mild, bright autumn evening. The moon lay in the clear bright ether, pouring her magic light upon sleeping nature, that cold, colorless light, which, resting on the tree tops, makes the darkness beneath visible. The wind was gusty and wild, and the light clouds drifted like angel ministers along the sky. It seemed that nature was stirred with a spiritual life, and even I almost felt the presence of the invisible. Mina awoke. She called me gently by my name. That word, uttered by that voice—oh, how it pierced me.

She was fully possessed of her reason, and spoke to me of all the past. "And mark me, Louis," she murmured—"Infidelity has been the source of all our sorrows. Pierre cried with his dying breath, '*There is a God!*' I felt it. I would have given worlds for the faith that was once mine. Faith in God, the God of mercy, the omnipotent—the omnipotent God is the only treasure worth the spirit's seeking. Without it we are like ships on a stormy ocean without ballast or rudder; with no hope but to dance awhile upon the flashing billows, and then sink down to eternal night. With it we are sure whatever storms may beat upon us, that we shall at last arrive in safety at the haven of everlasting rest and joy. I had that faith once. I sought to regain it till my brain ran wild. Look, Louis, what a miserable wreck I am. Where is now my youth; and my beauty! where is it? Could I now command all earth's dazzling baubles, what would they be to me? I am dying! and without faith in God my Saviour. You must mourn me not merely as one dead, struck out of existence; but as one lost to you, to happiness, to God! suffering everlasting despair! Everlasting despair! Yet I feel to bow, and adore the justice and mercy of Him whom I have so boldly set at nought; so lightly blasphemed. Oh for faith, one beam of Christian assurance. Louis, look on me and see the end of Infidelity!"

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Reader! if thou art a philosopher, I adjure thee, by that which thou holdest most dear, never attempt to shake a Christian's faith—it were a thousand times less heinous to take his life; for it is wresting from him that which alone makes life endurable. Scest thou not how strong in endurance the weakest Christian is! Like a slender vine clinging to the everlasting rock, he fears no tempest. He says when sorrow falls upon him, "My Father's will be done!"

I shall die here in this mountain cave, and then who finds me will see the mouldering bones, and readest this poor scrawl, look on my dust, and behold THE END OF INFIDELITY.

From the Magazines.

SONG OF THE SOIL.

BY J. H. B. BAYLEY.

I start the bulb of the beautiful flower,
And feed the bloom of the wild wood bower;
I rear the blade of the tender herb,
And the trunk of the stalwart oak I curb;
I force the sap of the mountain pine,
And curl the tendrils of the vine;
I robe the forest and clothe the plain,
With the ripest of fruit and the richest of grain.

The cheek of the peasant I flush with health,
And yield the sturdy yeoman wealth.
I give the Spirit of Commerce wings,
And prop the tottering thrones of kings.
The gorgeous palace and humble cot
Owe every atom to me they've got—
And the prince at his banquet, and bind at his board,
Alike must depend on the fare I afford.

Man may boast of his creature might—
His talents in peace, and his prowess in fight;
And lord it over beast and bird,
By the charm of his touch, and the spell of his word;
But I am the sole and mighty source
Whence flows the tide of his boasted force—
Whatever he right, and wherever he be,
His pomp and dominion meet come from me.

I am the giver of all that's good,
And have been since the world lash stood;
Where's there wealth on earth, or beauty on land,
But sprung from the warmth of my fostering hand?
Or where the object fair and free,
That claims a being, but I traced to me?
Cherish! then cherish, ye sons of toil,
The wonderful might of the fruitful soil!

FROM THE LADY'S COMPANION, FOR AUGUST.

THE YOUNG MARCHIONESS;

Or, The Sacrifice.

On the right bank of the river Ille, between Rennes and Vitrey, in Bretagne, the once magnificent chateau of Kerdonan rears its proud turrets, at once a beacon of the mutability of human grandeur and the utilitarian character of age in which we live. Having become the property of an enterprising manufacturer, now a member of the French Chamber of Deputies, it has been converted into an extensive establishment for the purification of lamp oil, and the manufacture of brown soap.

The spacious and now dilapidated halls of this princely residence of the late Marquis of Kerdonan, have been the mute witnesses of melancholy scenes of thrilling agony undreamt of by its present busy and cheerful throng of occupants.

In the year 1780, the family of the young Marquis consisted of himself, the Marchioness, an old servant man, and a young peasant girl. The pertinacious seclusion in which they habitually lived, naturally awakened the gossiping curiosity of the neighboring villagers, who were incessantly endeavoring to penetrate the mysterious cause of an exclusiveness so unusual.

Philip was the incorruptible factotum of the chateau, and Nanette, the intelligent attendant and faithful confidant of her mistress. With commendable shrewdness they successfully parried the oft-repeated interrogatories of their inquisitive neighbors, and heedlessly secured the family apartments from their intrusion.

When they inquired—"Why, Mr. Philip, does your master hide himself in this manner? Is he dead?—or, perhaps, only sick?"

"He is certainly not dead, but his health is not good."

"What may be his illness? The gout, perhaps, or, more likely, pride?"

"It is not exactly sickness, but he studies too much, passing days and nights in his laboratory, and he has grown dull and melancholy in trying to become too learned."

"This is certainly a great change in him, before his marriage he acted more like a buffoon than a wise man; instead of walking he would run and leap in the streets, and when accosted by a friend he made the most frightful grimaces—even the children made a laughing-stock of him."

"I suppose his first thoughts were his out-of-the-way studies."

When they met Nanette at Rennes or Vitrey they asked:

"Nanette, why does your mistress appear so dull and wearied?"

"Because she meets such wearisome people, I suppose."

"But why does she live so much in the country?"

"Because she does not like to live in town."

"Why not?"

"She thinks wherever there are many people there must be fools and rogues."

"That is very flattering, certainly; but she might go to court sometimes, as her rank entitles her to do?"

"Oh, she remembers that she was not born to her rank."

"We hear, also, that notwithstanding her youth and beauty, she always dresses in black."

"So she does; she still wears black for her benefactress, the late Marchioness."

"And do you often see the old Mr. Blondel?"

This Mr. Blondel was an old notary of Vitrey, sixty years of age, with an unblemished character, and very small fortune. There were but two things in the world he cared for, the young Marchioness and a copy of the Laws of Bretany, which he carried with him wherever he went. However, he thought he had a right to complain of his beloved Therese, the lovely Marchioness, in whose he had been tutor. He never saw her—though, as Nanette said, he was admitted at any time he came, he wandered through the palace, the garden, and the park, in hopes of encountering a single look from his favorite pupil. In vain; she was as impossible to him as to the most gossiping of her neighbors. Sometimes, when he returned disappointed from his walk, he consoled himself by talking to her portrait, which hung in a small saloon, where refreshments were always placed for him. Gazing affectionately on the smiling face, with his glass in his hand, he would address her thus: "Yes, in be sure, this is excellent wine; but where is the generous hand which should give it me? Alas! she is as invisible to me as to every body else. The Marquis may shut himself up as much as he likes; he may despise me and disdain my company. Very well! He is noble and I am plebeian. He is a person of consequence and I am nobody. I have no wish to complain of his pride, but I reproach you, madam Marchioness! I complain of your coldness—your ingratitude. How can you so forget me?" The old man slowly emptied his glass, drew a long sigh, and continued, regarding steadily the portrait, "Your father, Jacque Flavel, a notary like myself, left nothing behind him but his papers and his debts. I was the pal-father of his child, and bestowed to console her and give her a home. This was my inheritance from him."

His tears began to flow at the remembrance.

"Do you ever think of this, Therese? A few years after this, the old Marchioness, my client, did me the honor to interest herself in the fortunes of my adopted child. She condescended to take her to her house and establish her in her family, and, one fine day, to my great astonishment and the scandal of the nobility of Brittany, she married her to her son, her only child—the young marquis. Very well! Now one would think that she reproaches me for her happiness—such happiness! She conceals herself from me, she replies not, she avoids me in her own house! She has grown proud and haughty—she, formerly so simple and affectionate! No matter! love you still, Therese, and here I drink even to your pride, madam Marchioness!"

Blondel wiped his eyes and added:

"Of all I have loved, none are left to me; some are dead, like my wife and children; others have forgotten me, like you, Therese, and another ingrate whom you know, the Chevalier Morangy. But he, at least, may return from India, and I will forgive his ingratitude! May he, as easily, forgive your marriage—I was going to say, your infidelity! Adieu! adieu! Every time I come I intend it shall be the last, but my old legs cannot forget the road to this door, and my heart sufficeates me when I leave these halls. Oh, charming image, if you have heard me, if you have understood me, do not grieve, my Therese, by betraying the complaints I utter with tears."

Then putting his old law book under his arm, he would mount a chair, and kiss with fervor the portrait of his god-child.

Some time after this, he was again walking in the park, this time not unaccompanied. He was leaning on the arm of a fine young man apparently just returned from a journey. He was in gay spirits, in the anticipation of meeting the two most precious things on earth—an old friend, and a young mistress. The old friend was Blondel, the young mistress has not yet been introduced to the reader.

"Yes, it is!" exclaimed the young Chevalier de Morangy, pressing affectionately the hand of the old man, "Here I am returned to Britany, never more to quit it. After arriving at Versailles and embracing my old uncle, the Chevalier D'Argental, I hastened hither to kiss the hand of the Marchioness de Kerdonan."

"Which Marchioness do you mean?"

"The dowager Marchioness, certainly."

"She is no more."

"No more! And does Miss Flavel then remain at the chateau? Is she still in Brittany? Where shall I see her? If you could but know, my dear friend, the sensations I experienced when I entered this park, where I have so often talked of love with Therese!"

"And you loved each other?"

"Like two young fools!"

"Like children, you mean; but with time course reason, and all this nonsense and childishness pass away."

"Do not say so, Blondel. Do you not suspect what brings me to Kerdonan?"

"The wish to see a friend, I suppose, who had rather forgotten you!"

"The intention of offering her a handsome fortune, a name worthy of her acceptance, and a heart devoted to her service."

"My God! If this be true—fly, fly, in haste, and may Heaven conduct you again to India!"

"Yor terrify me; speak! Does Therese reside at the chateau?"

"No, there is no Therese here; there only remain strangers, ingrates, in this house."

"Therese is dead!"

"Yes—dead to you; she is married!"

"Married!"

"To the young Marquis. Take courage Frederic. I also adored her; she has betrayed my friendship as she has betrayed your love. I was proud to call her my child; but she is ashamed of the tenderness of a father. We have her sacrific

ceived me in her noble house; who treated me with the tenderness of a mother and the affection of a friend. Every instant—every minute, she added something to the weight of the obligation, already so heavy, which she had conferred on me. She who was so haughty to her equals, was simple and almost familiar with me. Her condescension made me forget the obscurity of my birth, and I gave myself up to the tenderness I felt for her with an enthusiasm of which she had given me the example. I discovered that she was not happy, in spite of her great fortune and ancient name. Her sole joy and hope in life was her only son. But God punished her pride in his beauty, by inflicting him with a singular melancholy. The most celebrated physicians were secretly consulted and the never-failing reply was: 'Before six months, the young Marquis will be an idiot!'

"Insanity, the most horrible of deaths, the death of the heart and mind, was the gloomy future of a poor young man of twenty years! His property and his person were to fall into the hands of needy relations, who had always treated with hatred, the old Marchioness.

"This poor lady, this desolate mother, foresaw that after her decease, her child would be ill-treated, ill-clothed, ill-fed, probably shut up in an hospital! There was but one way to soothe her apprehensions and protect her son from such a fate. No one as yet suspected the case of the poor creature, and some one might be found weak enough to transgress the laws of society, a good man, or good and devoted enough, to marry an imbecile, for the sake of obtaining the right to protect and defend him.

"My benefactress was at my feet, Frederic. I had seen my own mother die, and it seemed as if her lips had bestowed me. I threw myself in her arms, weeping; my sobs choked the utterance of your name, which rose from my heart.

"I raised the suppliant and cried, 'I will be your daughter!' At midnight a priest received us in the chapel of the chateau, the Marquis repeated the words his mother dictated, and Therese became a Marchioness! God knows what I have suffered these three years. Alone, day and night, with this poor man, my husband, uneasy, trembling and terrified. My God, what days and nights! Often, when sleep overcame old Philip, during the tedious evenings of winter, my husband painted with his finger to his sleeping guardian, and looked at me with a strange smile while taking my hand! I wished to scream, but remained frozen and mute under his frightful looks. I wished to die a hundred times, but the resolution to fulfil my duty preserved me; and now, Frederic, I can bear any affliction. Does not my martyrdom prove it?"

"My child, my child! how have I wronged you; how have I calumniated you! Pardon me, pardon me!"

"Therese," in his turn exclaimed the Chevalier, "you have sacrificed the love and happiness of my life, but I pardon you, lovely infidel. I love and admire you!"

"Hush! hush!" replied Therese, in a low voice, "do you hear nothing! some one is walking—some one is stirring in his chamber! He speaks!"

"No," said Blondel, "it is the voice of Philip." He was right. Therese recognized the voice of the old servant, who was saying in a suppressed tone, "It is I—it is your old servant; do not hurt me, my lord Marquis, do not hurt me." Almost immediately Philip rushed into the room and closed the little door violently after him. Terrified at his manner, the Marchioness was hastening to her husband, but he prevented her, saying, "Do not enter, madam, he will kill you. He has armed himself with a knife, while I slept. He threw himself on me, and see how he has wounded me." Both his hands were covered with blood.

"Let no one follow me," said Therese, "I will go into the chamber; he will know me, I am sure."

"Madam, madam, do not go; his fury is at its height, every thing enrages him."

"Be not uneasy, kind words and caresses will appease him."

"We will pray for you, madam!"

Therese pushed aside the door, and a shudder crept over the witnesses of this horrible scene. Philip threw himself on his knees in a corner, praying for his young mistress, while Nanette, who had joined them, on hearing the voice of the old domestic, knelt on the pavement of the Marchioness, the old notary turned over the leaves of his book, convulsively, and the Chevalier put his hand to the waistcoat, in readiness to burst open the door at the first cry from Therese. What anxiety—what terror!

The night was terrific; the rain dashed against the windows of the chateau, the wind moaned loudly, and the sound of sobs was heard at the intervals of the storm; the dogs howled in the most horrible manner—perhaps they scented death. God, in his mercy, took pity on this group! Therese re-appeared in safety on the threshold of the room, and gave orders to Philip to hasten for the village doctor; and to Nanette to give her her prayer-book. Then addressing Blondel, she said, "My father, your child needs your support. Mr. Morangy, Therese Flavel, your old friend, will return the visit you have designed to make to the Marchioness of Kordonan.

"My mother!" continued she, addressing the portrait, have I not performed to the letter, my sacred promise! Have I not earned my liberty! Your son has no longer need of me! Your son is dead!"

A few days after this terrible scene, the remains of the Marquis rested with his ancestors. Therese returned to the house of the old notary.

At the expiration of a year, she became the wife of the Chevalier Morangy, but neither of them ever entered the chateau which had been the witness of the sacrifice of Therese.

The old place, abandoned long before the revolution, was sold in the name of the nation, and became the property of many masters before the time of which we write, but, singularly enough, no one ever made it a residence. We noticed, at the commencement, what was its ignoble destiny, when in the hands of its present owner.

Miscellaneous News.

☞ Mr. Matthias Merrill, of Amesbury, Mass., died on the 17th ult., in consequence of cutting his finger, while skinning a cow, which had died by poison. The frequency of such accidents should induce people to be cautious.

AGED WOMAN.—Tina Lewis, a free negro woman, died recently at Key West, at the age of one hundred and seventeen years. She had lived there for the last thirty years, and preserved her faculties unimpaired to the last.

☞ Some rogue or rogues have robbed the Cincinnati Court of Common Pleas, of the papers belonging to the present session of the Court. In consequence, convicts must be tried over again, before they can be sentenced.

☞ The Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company of Baltimore have declared a dividend of thirty-seven and a half per cent. on the earned premiums for the year, and also an interest of six per cent. on the scrip of last year.

MONUMENT TO FISHER AMES.—The remains of Fisher Ames were removed to a new tomb in Dedham, Mass., on Thursday last, and a monument is to be erected by his descendants. He died thirty-six years ago.

☞ During the month of July there arrived at Boston, 282 foreign vessels, and 568 coastwise, total 850. There cleared at the same time 527 vessels, of which 246 were foreign and 281 coastwise.

☞ A horrible murder was committed in Butler county, Pa., on the 27th ult., by Elijah Nellis, who killed his wife by choking her. Nellis and his wife had lived together more than thirty years.

BOSTON SMOKERS.—Nine persons in Boston were recently fined each two dollars and costs for smoking in the streets; and eleven more complaints were entered in one day.

HON. GEO. M. DALLAS.—The health of this gentleman is such, that his physicians have enjoined him to be quiet and tranquil, and to avoid all exertion and excitement.

☞ Rev. Mr. Sanborn's meeting house, in East Bridgewater, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night last, supposed to have been caused by an incendiary.

☞ At a colonization meeting in Richmond, Va., it was resolved to raise $1,000 of the $20,000 needed to purchase certain territory contiguous to Liberia.

☞ A Mr. *Mold*, of Iowa, made a speech at Washington, at the raising of a log cabin. He would have made plaster, too, if there is anything in a name.

☞ In 1829, there were but ninety-nine omnibusses running in New York; now there are two hundred and thirty-eight in full operation.

☞ Nine Governors of Pennsylvania, Gov. Potter included, have, within 72 years, granted 4,862 pardons to penitentiary convicts.

☞ The whole amount of coal shipped from the Pottsville Region this season, up to Thursday week is 291,000 tons.

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For TEN DOLLARS, three copies of the United States Saturday Post, two copies of Graham's Magazine, and two copies of the Ladies' National Magazine.

LOOK OUT!

A frequent and disagreeable part of our duty is to call the attention of the reading public to the acts of swindlers professing to be periodical agents, and going through the country, plundering the unwary. And not the unwary alone are sufferers, for so artfully do these rogues lay their plans, that even shrewd and careful men are not unfrequently imposed upon, notwithstanding the warnings, frequently repeated, in this and other periodicals.

The last case which has come under our notice, is that of a man calling himself J. Saxton. We hear of his operations in magazines at Oglethorpe, Ga., and we doubt not, that under the same or some other alias, he is operating on newspapers or magazines at some other point. The name Saxton is probably selected on account of its being one of the names of a well known New York publishing firm, "Saxton, Miles & Co." Another fellow, some time since, called himself Berford, a brother of R. G. Berford, publisher, of this city;—or, it is not unlikely, that it may have been the same person. Our readers, and all readers, must look out and subscribe to none but *well known* and fully vouched agents; and never, where they have a shadow of doubt. The safer way, when one is not perfectly sure, is to remit by mail; the Postmaster being authorized to frank. In this paper will be found a list of agents who are personally known all over the country—tried and faithful men. The particular work for which we hear of this Saxton's receipting, is Campbell's Magazine; but he is undoubtedly ready to promise any book or paper which any body may desire.

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."—So says the poet—and so we presume the potentates are ready to acknowledge. But crowned heads are not the only uneasy ones. We have been tempted sometimes to think that the civil and other officers of a republic, in the particular of uneasiness of position, are worse off than any crowned head of them all. From the moment of entrance into the lists as candidates, their whole previous life is subjected to the most searching and inquisitorial examination and scrutiny. The cagle eyes of their honorable political opponents are directed upon their character and qualifications, in order to find legitimate arguments against their election. This though fair, is still hard enough; for few men corret the pointing of a sunbeam to every part of their character and conduct.

But *honorable* opponents are not all with whom a candidate must contend. There are in all parties sneaks and grovellers; men whose tastes are gross, and whose propensities are low—whose amusements are allied to infamy, and whose minds have an affinity for dirty employments. These persons, the scavengers of the political organization, would, were politics not the fashion, be following their pitiful inclinations in some other way—as scandal mongers of their neighborhoods, or villifiers of men who are too elevated in mind to stoop to their companionship, and who have too much contempt for their baseness to estimate their influence. But the pursuit of politics as an occupation elevates them from social pirates who would be despised, into privateersmen who not only tolerated, but encouraged; and in this position they have abundant opportunity which they are by no means slow to improve, to gratify to the full their inclination to paddle in dirty water, and to contaminate by their touch that which might have been pure but for their contact.

The liberty of the press, which Americans justly defend with a zealous care, must, like all things human, have its inseparable disadvantages. Among these, and it is the principal one, is the opportunity which it affords the class we have been describing, to divert political controversy from its proper and legitimate channel. Thus turned to improper and malicious uses—that channel, (to continue the figure) which should run with a clear and purifying stream, becomes the revolting sewer of public malevolence, private malice, and wicked personal slanders and falsehoods.

Such is the experience of candidates of every party. One might hope, such an ordeal once passed, that the successful aspirant might find a little rest, in office, from the punishment and indignities which he underwent in the contest for election. Here, however, hope is at fault. Those who have said all manner of evil of him before the election, say all manner of evil and more of it, after. They have new motives for this, and new causes of vexation to urge them on. Stung with defeat, they are anxious to show that their prophesies are fulfilled, and their representations true. To do this, they crown their predictions made before the election, with maledictions afterward. And honorable opponents have only the negative grace to hold their tongues, because to defend an opponent, however wrongly attacked, would be to play into the hands of his party.

But a politician's enemies are not all. Save me from my friends! is an ejaculation he may make with as much sincerity and feeling, as any man alive. By injudicious attacks on others in the guerilla warfare of politics, they expose him to attacks he might otherwise escape before election; and after—But the after part deserves a new paragraph.

After election, the successful candidate's friends are more troublesome than his opponents. As there can be but one incumbent to every office, and as the applicants average at least one hundred for every place, he is compelled to disappoint ninety-nine men and their friends for every one whom he pleases. This begets new jealousies, and, perhaps, new enmities, and causes new complaints and more querulousness. These half foes are great circulators of gossip; and the "letters" of "Washington Correspondents" are loaded with surmises, revelations, suspicions and innuendoes by those who, having been once in the confidence of the powers that be, make merchandize of those whom they are unable to make anything else of. And so it goes. The papers are filled with the most improper and indecorous remarks and comments, not only upon a man's acts, but his thoughts—not only upon his public conduct but his private relations—and the President of the United States thus becomes, whatever else he may be, "the best abused man" in the country. Subordinates catch their share too, each in his own sphere, and so all the way down, the government official has a taste of the quality of the royal uneasiness.

So much for politicians. In matters of general news, we find little need, to-day, for gossip. The reader will notice a various carefully collected "collation" of all sorts of matters, literary and miscellaneous, in this day's paper—to which we refer him, presuming that the leisure of dog-days will afford abundant opportunity to read. One new feature, it will be noticed, we have introduced to-day—the giving of brief notes of storms, with care to specify dates, &c. It is a favorite occupation with many persons, to note the dates of such things, in order to know what weather others were experiencing at given times; and to accommodate this desire on the part of many of our readers, we shall endeavor to perfect this new department of the Post.

ELECTIONS.

Since our last, six elections have taken place in so many States; but as all are distant, we have from five of them no returns, and from one but partial accounts.

NORTH CAROLINA. An election for Governor and members of the Legislature (no members of Congress,) was held in this State on Thursday week, August 1. The present Governor (Morehead) is Whig, and the majority by which he was elected was 4,592. But at the same election (biennial) a majority of 10 Democrats was elected to the Senate, out of 50; and in the House a majority of 14 was returned. The candidates at the late election were: Wm. A. Graham, Whig, Michael Hoke, Democrat.

Returns from about half the counties in the State have been received here—from some full, and others partial. Of the result of the gubernatorial election there never has been any doubt, except as to the number of the Whig majority. It now seems tolerably sure that Graham's majority will exceed that of Morehead in 1842. And in the Legislature, unless the remaining counties very much change the aspect of things, there will be a gain to the Whigs of fifteen members or upwards.

INDIANA. The election was held last Monday, August 5. There were no members of Congress to elect, and no Governor, the election being for half the State Senate, and the whole House. The late Senate stood: Democrats 26, Whigs 24. The House was, Democrats 55, Whigs 45.

ILLINOIS. Election on Monday, August 5. There were seven members of Congress to elect, half the State Senate, and the whole House, but no Governor. The present Congressional Representative Delegation is composed of six Democrats and one Whig. The last State Legislature was Democratic, over two to one.

MISSOURI. Election on Monday, August 5. There were five members of Congress to elect, and a State Legislature. The Whigs nominated no candidates for Congress.

KENTUCKY. Election on Monday, August 5. No members of Congress chosen this year. A Governor was chosen, to serve four years, and members of the Legislature. The Whig candidate for Governor is Wm. Owsley, Democratic, Wm. O. Butler. The last Legislature stood: Senate, 26 Whigs, 11 Democrats; House, 62 Whigs, 38 Democrats.

ALABAMA. Election also held on Monday, August 5. There was one vacancy to fill in the Congressional Delegation, Hon. Dixon H. Lewis having been appointed by the Governor to the U. S. Senate. Members of the Legislature were also chosen, the whole House and one third of the Senate. The last Legislature stood: Senate, 19 Democrats, 14 Whigs. House 62 Democrats, 38 Whigs.

THE LATE MR. POULSON.

In our last, we announced the death of ZACHARIAH POULSON, whose name, for nearly fifty years has been connected with the newspaper history of this country. Mr. Poulson was, for nearly forty years, the proprietor of the first daily paper published in this country. It was commenced as a weekly, in 1774, by John Dunlap, and called "The Pennsylvania Packet, or General Advertiser." In 1783, it was published thrice a week; in 1784, its daily publication commenced. In 1800, Mr. Poulson became its proprietor, and changed its name to "Poulson's American Daily Advertiser," under which name it was published by him till 1840, when it was merged into the North American.

Of the well-remembered Poulson's Advertiser, Mr. Watson, the Annalist, says: "Mr. Poulson's paper was, like the good old times from which it descended; and, like the people of former days, carried with it something grave, discriminative, useful and considerate. Mr. P. rarely indulged in editorial comment, but his selections were most carefully made. A large number of intelligent gentlemen were in the habit of furnishing communications for the paper." Of Mr. Poulson's private character and habits, the Philadelphia Gazette remarks: "He was a member of the Society of Friends, and in his costume and address represented the old school of Philadelphia gentlemen. He was one of the few remaining representatives of that generation which maintained the primitive simplicity of the days of Penn. He was highly respected for integrity of character and firmness of principle."

Mr. P. was one of the founders, an active member, and for many years the President of the "Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons." He was a member of the Library Company of Philadelphia, his connection with the institution, commencing on the 19th of February, 1785, and continuing until his death, embraced a period of nearly fifty-nine years, during which he served it as Librarian twenty-one years, as Treasurer six years, and as Director thirty-two years, in all which capacities he devoted himself faithfully and successfully to the promotion of its usefulness and prosperity. Mr. P. was also a member of other societies, who have passed appropriate tributes to his memory, and whose members, on Saturday last, followed his remains to their final resting place in Germantown.

PAY YOUR POSTAGE!

We think this caution quite as important as one which we often see posted in public places—to wit—"Beware of Pickpockets!" Indeed there is little difference (except in the sum, perhaps,) between the act which abstracts your pocket book, and that which merely makes you draw your purse strings to shell out sums from a fip upwards, small in the items, but large in the annual aggregate, for business which may not concern you at all, but does concern another, or concerning you both, is of most advantage to the writers of the letters.

It should be a part of every gentleman's education and practice to pay the postage on every letter which he despatches, except in certain understood cases, where he is writing for the benefit of him whom he addresses. Indeed we are not sure that the rule should not be made absolute and sweeping, and the postage on *all* letters prepaid. If in the new law which is to be, relative to the post office, this were insisted on, one great leak in the revenues of the department would be stopped at once—to say nothing of the immense benefit which would be conferred upon the letter receiving individuals in the community. All inconvenience in the matter could be obviated by the sale of free stamps at the Post Offices.

Small nuisances are those which most severely try the temper. There is a sort of dignity in being gored by a bull,—but none in being stung by a musquito. There is a moral as well as pecuniary grandeur in being cheated out of a sum worth one's while to lose and to talk about—but there is nothing but pure, petty vexation in being done out of a sixpence.

We observe that, in some parts of the country, gentlemen whose position gives them prominence, but not the franking privilege, are compelled to call upon their correspondents through the newspapers, to pay their own postage. We should think that such appeals as these would touch some people's consciences—that is, if those who do not pay their own postage have any conscience—a point somewhat problematical.

ANOTHER COMET.

The new comet in the constellation of Hercules was discovered by M. Victor Mauvais, member of the French Academy of Sciences, and one of the astronomers of the National Observatory at Paris. The discovery was confirmed in England, by observations at Greenwich. On the 13th July it was between the stars of *Sigma* and *Tau*, in the constellation named. The apparent diameter of the nebulosity is from three to four minutes of degree, and it has a small brilliant nucleus. Time was that the announcement of a new comet would make a sensation. Now, however, the world is growing so wise, so scientific, and so matter of fact, that these things are received with scarcely an enquiry. This comet cannot be seen with the naked eye.

DECLARATION OF WAR.

The New Orleans Courier contains the following translation of an official notice from the Mexican General Woll, to President Houston. The General is a better soldier than statesman, or he would not recognize Texas as a nation, by addressing President Houston by his title.

"Manifesto to President Samuel Houston, informing him of the re-commencement of hostilities against the usurpers of Texas.

FIRST BRIGADE OF THE NORTH. }
Head Quarters. }

At the time fixed by the supreme government in the armistice concluded the 15th Feb. of the present year with the Commissioners of Texas, having expired, his excellency the President had called to mind, that from the 11th of the present month hostilities are re-opened against the inhabitants of this department, and I communicate to you the declaration of his excellency. I also make known to you that my government has seen with well founded indignation, the perfidy of the inhabitants of the said territory, towards a Republic whose generous conduct towards them they misunderstood, in relation to a question in which they were thought to be acting with good faith. They have abused the confidence of the Republic by violating the conditions of the armistice respected by the commissioners, who, according to the 4th article of said armistice, should have repaired to the city of Mexico, in order to regulate our difference so far as their propositions might be admissible. His excellency, the President, convinced that the honor and dignity of the nation require the chastisement of a conduct so little creditable, has ordered me to apprise you of his resolution, so that it may be well understood, that it is not through timidity or want of power, but because his excellency has always listened to the voice of humanity, that hostilities were not re-commenced at the period fixed by the armistice.

Notwithstanding my regret in thinking that blood is once more about to flow, yet, in transmitting to you the declaration of the President, I enjoy the satisfaction to find that justice is on the side of our cause, which represents sacred and imprescriptible rights. In this we place our confidence, as well as in the valor of our troops. When the struggle shall once more begin, the civilized world will judge between us, and the fortune of war cannot but be favorable to those who fight for their country against usurpers.

I have the honor to renew to you assurances of my high consideration. ADRIEN WOLL.

Head Quarters, Mier, 19th June, 1844.

To Gen. Samuel Houston.

No movement had been made against Texas, except by manifesto, and advertising for supplies for "the army of operations."

NEW YORK EXCURSIONS.

The excursions to New York Bay, every Monday and Thursday, are becoming more and more fashionable. Nothing, indeed, can be pleasanter than this trip. You take the steamboat New Philadelphia, Capt. Hinkle, at seven o'clock, A. M., and proceed to Bordentown, after which the cars carry you to South Amboy, when you take the steamboat again, and make the circuit of Staten Island, passing along the wharves of New York, both on East River and on the Hudson. Towards evening you return by South Amboy and Bordentown to Philadelphia. The scenery on the route is elegant and diversified, especially along the shores of Staten Island; and the alternation from steamboat to rail-road, and from rail-road to steamboat, affords an agreeable variety. Those of our citizens who wish to escape from the heats of the city for a day, cannot find a better opportunity for recreation than this excursion presents.

I. O. OF O. F.

The Odd Fellows of Trenton, with delegations from the Grand Lodges of Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey, and the Grand and Subordinate Encampments, and the Subordinate Lodges of the same States, celebrated at Trenton, on Wednesday week, the anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Orations were delivered by J. W. S. Haws, of New York, and Stacey G. Potts, of Trenton. A large number of the members of the order were in attendance, notwithstanding the inclemency of the day. That circumstance delayed the formation of the procession somewhat, but with its banners and devices it made an imposing parade when once under way. About two thousand were in the procession. There are now twenty-five Subordinate Lodges in New Jersey—where, in 1841, there were but two.

OF DOUBTFUL BENEFIT.

We see it stated that a society in Boston, composed of some 1,500 citizens, pays one dollar a week to any poor sailor who has kept the Temperance Pledge one year. In the measures of all reformers mistakes are liable to be made—and this is decidedly a mistake, and a bad one. It is putting temperance upon entirely a wrong footing; for, with such motives to be abstemious, we may reasonably fear for the reformed man when his dollar is withdrawn. There are hundreds of ways in which the liberality of the friends of the sailor can be better exercised than in such a way as this. Besides, the truly reformed man can better afford to pay a dollar a week than to stoop to receive that sum—or any other—merely on the ground that he has ceased to labor for his own destruction.

TO THE HUMANE.

Efforts which we trust will be seconded here are making in many places for the relief of the sufferers by the Mississippi inundation. Twelve millions of property have been swept away, and two millions of persons are suffering more or less by the flood. The Cincinnati Atlas states that at all the settlements and plantations on the Mississippi, above Vicksburg, great sickness and suffering prevail, the effect of the late overflow of water. The Natrangantt took on many sick persons on her last trip, of whom four died on the passage. Many of the settlers lost everything, and beg their passage up to any point on the Ohio, so that they can escape from the sickness and misery that surround them.

FUNERAL OF CAMPBELL.

In a late paper we stated that the remains of the poet Campbell were to be interred in Westminster Abbey. By the last arrival, we learn that the funeral took place on the 3d of July. Lord Brougham, Lord Aberdeen, Lord Campbell, Lord Morpeth, Sir Robert Peel, and other distinguished men, acted as pall-bearers. He was buried in nearly the centre of Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey, within a few yards of the tomb of Addison. The attendance of peers, members of parliament, eminent literary and scientific men, was considerable, including a considerable number of Poles, one of whom threw on the coffin a portion of earth from the grave of Kosciusko.

HATS OFF!

The Collector of New Orleans is in a law suit with a merchant of that city, which has rather a childish origin. It seems the collector, Alexander Barrett, Esq., just appointed, has made an order that no business shall be done with persons who do not take off their hats in the custom house. Money for duties on a lot of segars being tendered by a merchant with his hat on, the clerk refused to receive it. The merchant then went out, and returning with witnesses, made another tender of the money. It was again refused, and the merchant made a protest and has entered a suit for damages. This is most certainly a big business, all round.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

A decision was given a few days since, in the Supreme Court of New York, which virtually declares that the Marine Court of that city is one of record. This is very important to adopted citizens. Many foreigners who have gone through the process of law for the purpose of acquiring the rights of citizens, have attained their rights through the Marine Court. It now appears that all that has been done in this respect has been illegal. *The decision deprecates a great part of the foreign voters in that adopted State*, and will have considerable effect, it is said, on titles of real estate.

THE ENCAMPMENT.

The review of the military encamped at Princeton took place on Thursday of last week, and the encampment broke upon Friday. The occasion was one of great gratification to the thousands of spectators who had assembled, and notwithstanding the variable weather, which somewhat marred the pleasure of the fete, it will long be remembered with gratification.

RETROGRADE.

We are pained to find it stated, in too many places, to leave a doubt of the truth of the assertion, that intemperance is sadly on the increase in the city and county. We trust, however, that it may be checked. As intemperance is at once a cause and fruit of disorder, with the return of the reign of order, temperance may also resume its healthy sway. We cannot afford to lose the good effect that has been produced by so much labor and effort. Beside it is much to be feared that the "last state will be worse than the first"—for though men may sometimes reform by halves, they never relapse half way, but usually go far behind the point where reformation commenced.

HONOR TO THE BRAVE.

Mr. Struthers, our skilful and accomplished townsman, has in hand an appropriate and beautiful monument, which is to be placed over the remains of the gallant Hull, at Laurel Hill. It is nearly completed, and is modelled in the main after the tomb of Scipio. The base will be granite, the monument itself of the finest marble. The top is richly scrolled, and across the centre of the scroll, lying in graceful folds, is the American flag. On this, with the Union in his talons, is the Bald, or American Eagle, in marble. The position is animated and effective, and so light in appearance that one would scarcely think it stone.

A VETERAN DRUMMER.

The last surviving Drummer, who was in the ever memorable battle of Bunker Hill, is now living at Hartford, in Susquehannah County, Pennsylvania. His name is Rufus Kingsley. The old veteran enjoys good health, and is usually in fine spirits. He still retains the same old Drum which he used on the battle-field in '76. He served through the war of the Revolution, from the time when the first gun was fired for liberty, until the close of the first war, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis, at Yorktown. It would be worth a journey to Susquehannah County to hear the old man beat a reveille.

DELAWARE DIVISON.

By act of the late Legislature, Commissioners were authorised to sell the Delaware Division of the Public Works for two million five thousand dollars, State Stock, now selling at 74½, to be taken at par, in payment. Twenty days are allowed by the act to complete the sale. On Monday the sale commenced, at the Exchange, in shares of $100 each, with the privilege of one share or a thousand. On Monday only three shares were taken, at par. On Tuesday twenty-one were disposed of, and on Wednesday none at all. This does not promise very well for the sale at the price asked.

MONUMENT TO LAWRENCE.

The New York Tribune, states that a spirited movement is now on foot among a portion of the military of that city, for re-erecting the monument of the gallant Lawrence, which now lies a mass of ruins, in Trinity Church yard, is progressing with much promise of success. The Committee having that laudable undertaking specially in charge, have already appointed a Sub-Committee to arrange preliminaries for the erection of a pile corresponding in some degree with the patriotic character and chivalric career of him who would "not give up the ship."

TELEGRAPH AHOY!

When our friend Frees goes away again from Germantown to seek country air, we hope he will leave somebody in charge who will not copy two articles from the Post, filling over two columns, endorse them as "interesting," and forget to endorse them as the Post's. Any body who can cabbage the City of Moscow, and spirit away the King of Sweden, at one pull, deserves to be visited by the ghost of Hamlet's daddy—for "there is no speculation in those eyes!" that can't see the difference between mine and thine.

SERVED HER RIGHT.

A woman who buys more than one bonnet a month ought to pick her husband's *pocket before* she makes her purchases, and not leave the lawyers to do it afterwards—at least such would seem to be the law as decided by a late English verdict. In the Court of Queen's Bench, recently, a jury refused to make a husband responsible for an extravagant milliner's bill to his wife, comprehending amongst other items, ten new bonnets, and forty-three pairs of gloves in seven months.

THE DUQUESNE GRAYS.

This fine company of Pittsburg volunteers, after having visited Princeton, and remained in this vicinity two days longer than they had purposed, left the city on their return, on the night of Friday week. Their reception by the Philadelphians, citizens and soldiers, was cordial, and they have left a pleasant memory of their visit with their hosts, the counterpart of which, as guests, we believe they take away with them.

PORTRAIT OF MILTON.

A discovery has recently been made in London which will prove of some interest to the literary world. It is an old miniature of Milton, which has been purchased by the Duke of Buccleugh, and from which copies are to be engraved. It bears a general likeness to the portraits of the great poet, taken after his blindness—but has a finer, more youthful, and more elevated expression.

NEW ORLEANS.

The health of this city remained good at the last advices, and down to the first of this month no cases of yellow fever had made their appearance. The river was high, running over the levee in many places, and while it continued full the fever was not apprehended. When the water recedes, the laying bare of the mud of the bayous generates disease.

NEW JERSEY CONSTITUTION.

The new Constitution of our sister State, New Jersey, is published three times in every paper in the State, by law; and we guess some of the papers will not long outlive the publication. It will cost the treasury a pretty sum. The people are to decide by their votes on Tuesday next, whether it shall be adopted or not.

A BEAUTIFUL MACHINE.

Mr. Wattier, a watch maker and jeweller, of London, has completed a working model of a high pressure steam engine, so small that it stands upon a fourpenny piece, with ground to spare. This would answer to drive Queen Mab's spinning wheel; or to turn the stone on which Puck grinds bad boys' noses.

AS WE SUPPOSED.

The case of the sailor who brought a suit for his wages against the Mexican steamer in New York, has been dismissed by the courts. It will be remembered that we doubted whether he could recover. His remedy is in a suit in the Mexican Courts. *Perhaps* he may go there to prosecute the claim.

A GOOD ORATOR.

The Annual Fair and Cattle Show of the New York State Agricultural Society comes off next September. Bancroft, the celebrated historian, is to be present and to address the meeting. His will be a sonorous performance in the delivery—worth hearing for the manner, as well as the matter.

THE COTTON CROP.

The Mobile Price Current, good authority, says that the season for cotton is three weeks in advance, this year; and that the tokens of an abundant yield were never more promising. On reliable data it promises an abundant crop for the whole cotton region.

THE MORMONS.

The famous temple commenced by Joe Smith, the murdered prophet, at Nauvoo, is still progressing, and the "Mormons" are as zealous as ever. There is no doubt, we think, that the sect will increase faster now, than ever before.

BUSINESS AHEAD.

It is said that every machine shop in New England, capable of turning out factory machinery, has orders for twelve months ahead. In this vicinity this, as well as other branches of mechanical industry, is also in a prosperous condition.

FRUIT.

Fruit is, this season, very abundant in every part of the country, and cheap as well as good. immense quantities are exposed in our markets, and it appears to be freely bought. We notice that peaches have commanded ten cents apiece in Cincinnati, but that was a fortnight since—and the fruit was of rare size, some of it measuring seven inches in circumference. Good peaches, of that size, would be worth a fip apiece, at least, in any state of the market.

SABBATH CONVENTION.

We have received, in a neat pamphlet, the proceedings of the Sabbath Convention, held at Harrisburgh, in May. The address to the public, adopted at that time, has been published in the Post.

Local Intelligence.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT.

The Grand Jury, in their late presentment, recommend the establishment of a body of police, in addition to the present, to serve in watches day and night, to be supplied with mace and rattle, but not with fire arms; and to come out at the call of the authorities, to any part of the city and district, when necessary. It is proposed that the number of this force shall be four hundred and fifty, of which, two hundred and forty-eight shall be maintained by the city, and the residue by the districts. The several corporations are recommended to appoint Committees, to confer together and draft an ordinance, to be afterward passed by each district, and the city. The jury say also, that there is no evidence to implicate the Sheriff, as to the performance of his duty, during the late riots—that as to a civil posse he was entirely powerless, not because he did not do his duty in summoning, but because the people did not turn out in support of him.

The Jury think that the event proved the necessity of placing arms in certain churches for their protection, but think the plan will be hereafter wholly abandoned. They present certain engine and hose companies as nuisances, which require an immediate abatement, *to wit*: The Fairmount, Weccacoe and Southwark Engines, and the Good Will and Weccacoe Hose. The Jury say in their presentment also, that if the first assailants of a peaceable meeting in Kensington, had been promptly arrested, the subsequent meeting would not have been disturbed, no riots would have occurred, and citizens would not have been brought in array against each other, before the cannon's mouth.

The presentment repeats the recommendation which has been made in many places, that there should be passed, a riot act, fixing the time when the order to fire upon a mob shall be given. In relation to the two riots, and the military, we copy the following paragraph:

"The cause of the late outbreak in the District of Southwark may be attributed to an attack made upon a meeting of citizens in the District of Kensington, in the early part of the month of May last. The excitement generated in the minds of a portion of the people by the events of that murderous outrage upon the constitutional rights of citizens, was of such a character as not to be soon forgotten, and the first plausible pretext was seized upon, for the perpetration of new scenes of violence and disorder. The arming of the church of St. Philip de Neri presented that pretext, and a mob more formidable and systematic in their movements than any which recently had cursed this country, was not overcome and dispersed until they were fired upon by the military, and several of the number killed. The services of the military to sustain and enforce the laws, can only be justified when the civil power is found to be unavailable for that purpose, and the Grand Jury are satisfied, from the evidence before them, that the services of the military on the occasion of the late riots were absolutely required, as the civil power had proved insufficient."

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—Another terrible accident occurred in this city, last week, by playing with fire-arms. Two young men, residing in Fourth street, above Shippen, Southwark, were playing with a rifle, when one of them, named James Leach, thoughtlessly pulled the trigger, and sent the whole charge into the head of his cousin, Hugh Mooney, who died instantly. The gun belonged to another cousin, who had brought it home to draw the load, but having no ball screw, had neglected to do so. Of course, the unfortunate author of the accident did not know it was loaded, as he had not heard the caution which the owner gave. Loaded arms should, in no case, be thus left exposed—nor should any one, at any time, play with such weapons.

MILITARY SPIRIT.—Among the many effects of the recent riots a new impetus has been given to the military spirit in this vicinity. Many important changes are in progress in the organization of the military. Several new companies are forming, and old companies are re-organizing into new regiments. A new battalion of artillery is to be formed in the second brigade, (Col. Goodman's) properly organized, and furnished with field pieces, and the rifles in the same brigade are to be formed into a distinct battallion. Changes are taking place in other brigades also, and the ranks of the volunteers are fast filling up.

THE MARKLE RIFLES.—This new corps made an excursion last week to Penns Grove, for the double purpose of recreation and target practice. The prizes were, a silver pitcher, to be shot for by the guests and a silver medal to be contended for by the corps. Many of the officers of this division accompanied the party, and many other guests. The pitcher was won by Mr. Jules Pullin, a member of the new rifle corps just organized in the 5th ward, Southwark. The medal was won by Sergeant Green of the Markles. The day was very agreeably spent.

FIRE IN SOUTHWARK.—On Tuesday morning, between 12 and 1 o'clock, a fire broke out in the Starch Manufactory of Mr. John Keefe, in Marion street, below Second, which was almost entirely destroyed. The fire extended to a blacksmith's shop on one side, and to a stable on the other side, belonging to Mrs. Cozens—both of which were nearly destroyed. Disaffection on account of the presentment of the Grand Jury kept some of the firemen back, but there were others who worked with their usual alacrity.

A MERCANTILE BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION has been formed in this city, whose objects are—"the promotion of friendship and brotherly affection amongst its members, the distribution under proper regulations, of pecuniary aid to such of them as may at any time stand in need of it, the pleasant interchange of kind feelings and views between the older and younger members, whether as merchants or clerks, employers or employed, and the incidental elevation of the mercantile character of our city and State."

MILITARY FUNERAL.—The remains of Corporal Charles B. Raphun, of the National Grays, were interred on Monday, with military honors, at the Monument Cemetery. His death is attributed to fatigue and exposure during the Kensington riots. Mr. R. was much beloved as a man and a soldier. The Grays Captain Fritz, and the Guards, Capt. Hill, performed escort duty. The Perseverance Hose Company, of which he was a member, preceded the hearse.

SPRING GARDEN COMMISSIONERS.—The Board met on Monday evening, and no business of importance was done, except a report from the watch and lamp committee, stating that three additional watchmen had been appointed, new lamps, &c., put up in the District, and a re-organization of the line of watch, so as to make it an efficient police. The Treasurer reported the sum of $2,306 51 in the treasury.

☞ A young man, named Josiah Nichols, was committed by the Mayor, on Saturday last, charged with being engaged in the riot at the burning of St. Augustine's Church. On that occasion he was attested by officers James Young and Jackson, but was rescued by the mob. The officers fully identified him.

☞ The new steamer Ashland has returned from her trip to New York, having made about thirty-seven hours running time each way. She is driven by the Loper propeller.

INTEMPERANCE AND MURDER.—An inquest was held, on Monday, on the body of a woman who died from intemperance and injuries inflicted by her husband, on the Friday previous. Her name was Rebecca Brown, and she lived with her husband, James

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Notices of New Works.

TYPOGRAPHIA: OR, THE PRINTER'S INSTRUCTOR. *By Thomas F. Adams, Typographer. Philadelphia: Robinson & Peterson.* Here is a work which should be in the hands of every publisher, every printer, (principal, foreman, or "boy," pressman, or compositor,) every boy, who would understand his business, every man or woman who writes for the press, and in fine, every body whatever who would possess a knowledge of the history, theory, and details of the "Art preservative of Arts." To those who have at all looked into the subject, we need say nothing, but we can assure those who are not at present acquainted at all with the "secrets" of the "black art," that they will find this work as instructive and interesting as any which has ever been published descriptive of arts and trades.

It embraces a brief sketch of the origin, rise, and progress of printing, practical directions for conducting every department of an office—hints to authors and publishers, and descriptions of the various apparatus of an office, with the recent improvements. To specify the matters of interest and importance contained in it would be to write an essay on printing, for which we have not leisure nor space. The portion of the work devoted to proofs and corrections, is calculated to be of great utility, if these concerned, particularly writers, would only study its rules, and obey its admonitions. Vile chirography is, we know, affected by some men, as an accomplishment—and to such eccentrics it is of no use to talk. We only hope they may always suffer the full penality of their ridiculous affectation, in abundance of errors, plenty of sensor money for the time taken up in correcting them, and in the mortification of finding errors of magnitude escape correction after all. Such is generally the case where bad manuscript makes foul proofs, and unintelligible scrawling suggests alterations and emendations.

To those who really try to write in such a manner that they may be easily read, a few hints may not be out of place. They should, in their original manuscript, supply every point, from a comma upwards, which they wish inserted, and distinctly mark or make every capital, italic, or small capital letter, every paragraph, and every quotation mark. It is easier to do these things in the original manuscript than to mark them in the proof. The printer should have nothing to do but to "follow copy," sure that the closer he follows it, the safer he will be;—unless indeed it should happen to blow out of a sixth story window. In that case he may be excused from rigid adherence to the precept.

We hope our own correspondents will ponder these instructions—and that every one of them will buy this book, at the earliest opportunity. It is neatly printed, in a style worthy of its subject, and of its dedication to "The Philadelphia Typographical Society."

DUTY IS SWEET, OR THOUGHTS ON TOM, JACK THE SAILOR BOY, and THREE BROKEN VOWS ACT. *By Mrs. Sherwood. Philadelphia: George S. Appleton.* The above mentioned little tales are published in three little volumes, each complete in itself. They are liberally illustrated, and put up in a neat and substantial, as well as attractive form. They are sold at a price for each book which will enable those who desire to make a child an acceptable present to do it at a trifling cost. It is hardly necessary to say any thing to the American public of the character of the writings of Mrs. Sherwood; and as to the opinions of children upon these portions of her works prepared for them, it is well known that the little readers are delighted with them. It is a rare talent which can accommodate itself to the youthful mind, and it is also, an exceedingly useful gift. Mrs. Sherwood has a large claim upon the thanks of the world in this respect, and we have been asked, to lend some gratitude to publishers who put her little stories in so advantageous a form as this.

VALUABLE THEOLOGICAL WORKS. The Appletons are nearly ready to issue several valuable theological works. Among those is an edition of the complete works of "that learned and judicious divine, Mr Richard Hooker," with Izaac Walton's Biography, and Keble's preface. This work will appear in two handsome octavos, uniform with Pearson and Barrett, as published by the same house. Another work about to be issued is a volume of Practical Sermons by Bradley, uniform with the other volume published some time since by the same firm; at those who prefer it, may have the two volumes bound in one. These sermons have the approval and endorsement of distinguished clergymen of the Presbyterian, the Baptist, the Methodist, and Dutch Reformed, as well as the Protestant Episcopal Church. They are eminently practical and useful.

LIVES OF BENEFACTORS—*Parley's Cabinet Library. Philadelphia: Zieber & Co.* The fourth volume of Parley's Cabinet Library is devoted to "Lives of Benefactors," including not only those who are usually spoken of as such, but Patriots, Reformers, Inventors, Discoverers, and others whose talents or virtues have benefitted mankind. These biographies are brief, but comprehensive, and the biographical series of the Library will form a most excellent introduction to the study of biography in later years.

THE CYCLOPEDIA OF MEDICINE. *Part X. Philadelphia: Lea & Blanchard.* This number contains articles on various diseases of the heart, contributed by Drs. Hope, Williams, Dunglison and Townsend, and on hemorrhage, hereditary transmission of disease, and other topics, by Drs. Watson, Brewster, Thompson, Ash, Johnson, Kerr, Darwall and Jay. Each number contains over a hundred pages, and the work, when complete, will be one of the most comprehensive ever published.

THE WANDERING JEW, *Number Two. By Eugene Sue.* We can imagine the New York News-boys making the public ear ache again with this triple rhyme. The work as published by Mr. Winchester is translated from the French manuscript, by Henry W. Herbert. It is thus received in advance of its arrival by any other mode, and is caught up with avidity by the public. *Zieber & Co. and Robinson & Peterson*, have it in this city.

SHAKSPEARE'S PLAYS. No. 18 of Shakspeare's Plays, Hewitt's Edition, has been received by *Zieber & Co.*, and by *Robinson & Peterson*. It finishes the play of Romeo and Juliet, and contains some absolute gems in the way of engraving.

LOWELL OFFERING.—We have received this work for August from Colon & Adriance, and take the opportunity to recommend it anew to the readers of Magazine Literature.

☞ Colon has sent us the American Farmers Almanac for 1845. It contains receipts for all sorts of things from the treatment of pickles to that of hydrophobia.

Army & Navy.

☞ The U. S. Revenue Steamer Legare, Captain Howard, much to the gratification of its inhabitants, paid a visit to the city of Richmond last week, being, the Compiler says, the second armed vessel that ever came to "Rockets." The other case was that of an armed sloop which was fitted out during the last war to protect the Virginia rivers from the depredation of the British barges. The Legare attracted much attention, and was visited by the public authorities of Richmond and a large number of its citizens.

☞ The brig Lime Rock, Capt. Auld, was at New Orleans on the 25th ult., in sixty-six days from Simon, via Monrovia, Liberia and West Africa. She left on the Coast, on the 25th of May, the U. S. ships Macedonian and Saratoga, bound on a cruise to leeward as far as the Isle of St. Thomas. The U. S. ship Decatur and brig Porpoise were cruising to windward. The health of the officers and crews of the squadron on that station was good when last heard from.

☞ At the recent annual examination of the West Point Academy, the number of graduates was twenty-five. The first in rank of the graduate class was Cadet Wm. G. Peck, of Litchfield, Ct., who received the appointment of "Brevet Second Lieutenant attached to the Corps of Topographical Engineers." The second in rank was Cadet Joseph H. Whittlesey, of Rochester, N. Y.

The U. S. sloop of war Vandalia arrived at Pensacola on Thursday, the 25th inst. Officers and crew all well. She sailed from Port-au-Prince on the 8th, reached Aux Cayes on the 11th, and sailed next day.

☞ Commander H. H. Cooke, of the U. S. East India Squadron, came passenger in the ship Phœnix, arrived at Sag Harbor, 28th ult.; his return is on account of ill-health.

☞ Capt. Smoot has been ordered to the U. S. ship Pennsylvania, at Norfolk, in place of Capt. Zantzinger, whose term of command has expired.

☞ The U. S. Frigate United States, was at Callao on the 3d of January last, in twenty-two days from Tahiti—the shortest passage ever made.

☞ Ship Mercury, at New Bedford, spoke April 5th, 1844, at sea, lat. 33 37, long. 79 04 W., the U. S. ship Erie, all well.

Educational.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.—Beside the $20,000 raising for a professorship in this University, by the New York Conference, (about $18,000 of which are already subscribed,) the Providence and New England Conferences are making an effort to raise a like sum—about $5,000 of which were subscribed at the Providence Conference. In all the Conferences, about $37,000 have been subscribed within the last year, and efforts will be made to increase them to 75,000, to found three or more professorships.

☞ The prize of a gold medal, offered by the Boylston Medical Committee of Harvard University, for the best essay on the subject of vaccination, has been awarded to Mr. Samuel Forry, editor of the New York Journal of Medicine. The questions propounded by the Medical Committee were the following:—"To what extent is the human system protected from small-pox by inoculation with the cow-pox? Is the protection increased by re-vaccination, and if so, under what circumstances?"

☞ The commencement at the Union College, Schenectady, took place on Wednesday week. The graduating class numbered seventy-six. A correspondent of the New York Commercial says: "The venerable President Nott, now upwards of 83 years old, is as sprightly and active as the youngest of us. He and John Quincy Adams are among the wonders of the age, for their intellectual and physical vigor at such an advanced period of life."

HAMILTON COLLEGE.—The annual commencement of this institution was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., in Clinton, N. Y. The degree of A. B. was conferred on nineteen members of the class; that of A. M. on two of the alumni, and on Saml. Gridley and Dennis Platt; and that of D. D. on Wm. D. Strebell, of Otsego county.

☞ The commencement at Dartmouth College was celebrated on the 25th ult. Fifty-nine young men received the degree of A. B. The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. B. B. Edwards, Professor at the Seminary in Andover.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE, HARTFORD.—The annual commencement of this institution took place on Thursday week. Graduates ten. The honorary degree of L. L. D. was conferred upon Roger S. Baldwin, Governor of the State of Connecticut.

Foreign Intelligence.

ARRIVAL OF THE CALEDONIA.

TWELVE DAYS LATER.

By the arrival of the Caledonia at Boston, we are in possession of foreign dates twelve days later than our previous advices. The Caledonia made her passage in twelve days and sixteen hours, including her stoppage at Halifax. The Acadia made her passage out in twelve and a half days, including her detention at Halifax.

The news by this arrival, with the exception of the commercial intelligence, is not important. Cotton had declined fully a half-penny, and the stock on hand fully a million of bales, together with the expected arrivals from the United States, forbade any hope of a permanent rally of prices. It was supposed by judges that at the close of the year the stock on hand would exceed that at the commencement.

Business generally was reviving. Money was abundant, and to be had at low rates of interest. The crops were in a promising state, and harvesting in some sections had already commenced. It was supposed that the yield would be more than the average, but the best judges think that the cheap bread stuffs will improve rather than lessen the demand for other articles of provision.

In the provision market we notice a continued demand for fine beef and pork, the inferior qualities being hardly inquired for. Sales of cheese were small, the article being out of condition, and purchases made only for immediate consumption. Lard had been largely imported, and consequently had fallen in price. There was a fair sale for tallow, and "grease butter" was in demand. The following are the latest London quotations

PROVISIONS—AMERICAN.—We have had a good demand for Beef and Pork, of fine quality: Beef at 30s. to 44s. per cwt., duty paid. India Beef, for ship's use, 80s. per tierce; prime Mess, 65s. to 70s.; prime Mess Pork, 38s. to 50s. per barrel, and Hams, 38s. to 40s. per cwt. Lard, of good quality, is in fair request, at 35s. to 37s. 6d. Hams, smoked, are worth 50s. to 52s., and in pickle at 34s. to 36s. per cwt. The quiet and fine sorts of Cheese have been taken freely at 46s. to 52s.; inferior and middling sorts meet a slow sale at 35s. to 42s.

TOBACCO.—Holders appear rather anxious to effect sales, and prices generally are ½d. per lb. lower. There are buyers at still lower rates, but no sellers. Maryland is little noticed, for the better sorts of Negrohead there is a good demand at present.

PARLIAMENTARY.

A leading topic of Parliamentary discussion, had been a Railway Regulation Bill, introduced by the Government, and carried through a second reading in the House, 188 to 98. It met a strenuous opposition in the House, and a still more bitter opposition outside, the whole railway interest being against it. It is intended to refer to the future railways, and gives the Board of Trade revision of the tolls, or fares. It gives the Government also the right to purchase the road, after fifteen years, and contains many inquisitorial regulations to keep the profits down to ten per cent. It also directs the establishment of third class carriages, to run once a week, at a charge not exceeding a penny a mile. This is the most popular feature of the bill.

The opening of letters by order or connivance of the Government, still excited a great deal of notice. A Committee had been appointed, the result of whose discoveries was not to be made public. No lawyers were selected from the House, but two from the Lords, Brougham and Cottenham, and Mr. Duncombe, the proposer of the measure is left out.

O'Connell's appeal to the House of Lords, was still undecided. Certain questions had been submitted to the Law Lords, then absent on their circuits, and the decision could not be made until they answered. It is said that the Lord Chancellor has admitted that the Jury was fraudulently made up.

Palmerston had brought forward the Slave Trade Question again. Palmerston was severe upon the United States for declining to come into the treaty arrangement. Sir Robert, on the other hand, spoke of the United States as co-operating with other nations for the suppression of the trade, and laid the whole blame of its continuance upon Spain and Brazil.

MISCELLANEOUS.

We hear nothing, by this arrival, of any Royal birth. The last dates are the 19th from Liverpool.

The House of Lords has decided against the claims of Sir Augustus D'Este to the Sussex Peerage.

The quarterly returns of the revenue to the 5th ult., exhibit an increase in the revenue over the corresponding quarter of the preceeding year, £448,574, and in the revenue of the year over that of the year ending July 5, 1843, of £2,440,236. The excess over the expenses of Government, is £2,095,427—a quarter part of which, is to be applied to the purchase of Stock and Exchequer Notes—thus reducing the national debt about half a million.

The average aggregate amount of promissory notes in circulation during the month ending June 22, was £37,728,726—viz.: England, £29,042,161; Ireland, £5,568,577; and Scotland, £3,117,988. Bullion in the Bank of England, £15,998,000.

The new charter of the Bank of England will be in full operation in the course of a few weeks from the present time.

The London Committee announce that they have received £3,500 in sums of from one penny to ten guineas, in aid of the national testimonial to Mr. Rowland Hill, the great and successful advocate of penny postage.

A Sheriff's officer, on going last week to execute a writ at a dye works, at Govan, near Glasgow, was thrown into a vat, which caused his death.

At the Leeds Borough Sessions, last week, four soldiers of the 70th infanty were convicted of being concerned in the late attack on the police, and sentenced, one to twelve, the rest to eight months' imprisonment.

The prize of one hundred guineas for the best essay on Education, offered by a liberal Churchman, at Manchester, through the Rev. D. Vaughan, has been awarded to the Rev. Dr. Hamilton of Leeds.

Mr. Pressly, of the Stamps and Taxes, declares authoritatively, that every aperture admitting light, however made, and through whatever material, whether in a cellar, closet, &c., of a house, is liable to the window duties.

Mr. John Travers, who figured conspicuously in London, as a public man on the liberal side, died suddenly, recently, in his fifty-seventh year.

The customs' receipts at Liverpool, for the month ending the 5th instant, have reached half a million sterling; and the receipts for the first half of the present year, have exceeded £2,150,000, or nearly one-fourth of the entire customs of the whole kingdom for the same period.

Works for a new harbor at Aberdeen, have been contracted for by Messrs. Oldham, builders and railway contractors, of Cheltenham. The sum is £99,000. When completed, the new harbor will be one of the most commodious in the kingdom.

In England, there are 1,075 cotton factories, employing 183,243 hands; in Scotland, 158 factories and 32,580 hands; in Ireland 28 factories and 4,014 hands.

Steam-tugs, with screw propellors, have been successfully introduced on the Union Canal from Glasgow.

IRELAND.

There are now, in Ireland, 26,000 troops, exclusive of ten thousand police, and the enrolled pensioners. It is deemed unsafe to withdraw any of this force from Ireland, while Mr. O'C. remains in prison. Nothing, since Mr. O'C.'s imprisonment, has been published from his pen; and the reason is supposed to be, that the issue of manifestoes would be followed by the deprivation of writing materials. It is stated that Mr. O'C. is relieving the tedium of confinement, by dictating his autobiography to an amanuensis.

A correspondent of the Dublin Pilot asserts that "The Government has spies in every Catholic Chapel in the country. The police, it appears—the Catholic police—have been ordered to report every thing said by the priest about repeal. Several of the police have been dismissed for refusing to become spies and informers."

A Parliamentary return states that the sums paid and owing for short hand writers' reports, relative to the state trials in Ireland, amount to £3,096.

A naval station is about to be established at the Cove of Cork.

It is calculated that the O'Connell tribute this year will reach £30,000.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Michael Kennedy as Consul at Galway, for the United States of America.

The wearing of "repeal buttons," and the use of green flags has been interdicted by the Irish priests.

The meetings of the Repeal Association continue to be held, and the rent keeps up to its average. At the last meeting, an account of which we have seen, it amounted to £1,700. Though Mr. O'C. does not address these meetings by any written or printed documents, some one of the family is always ready with his father's compliments, and the latest news from the prison, where the sentenced certainly seem to be enjoying themselves very well. Mr. O'C. himself, expresses the belief that his appeal to the House of Peers will not be sustained.

CONTINENTAL.

FRANCE.—Louis Philippe is in a new difficulty with his mercurial and jealous subjects. He has caused to be brought forward a bill for the "dotation" or endowment of the younger members of the Orleans family; and the people, particularly those of the opposition, are indignant, that "the richest man in Europe" should thus play the royal pauper. It is insisted that the income of the royal family is 270 millions of francs, and it has received, during the last fourteen years, upwards of 385 millions. It is said that this movement of the King's has much injured his popularity, if, indeed, it has not endangered his dynasty.

The difficulty between France and Morocco is probably all settled before this; and in the way stated in our last advices. A French fleet, consisting of three sail of the line, a frigate, and three steamers, was off the Moorish coast, making surveys, and operating as a fleet of observation during the pendency of the negociations. This fleet, and the army on the Moroccan frontier, undoubtedly prove good advocates.

The total amount of imports into France, last year, was 1,186,000,000 francs, (about £49,416,000 sterling;) the exports 992,000,000 francs, (about £41,333,000 sterling.)

SPAIN.—The horrors of civil war are strikingly shown in the following summary of the executions in only one district of Catalonia: "Between the 1st of February and the 15th of June, the 'faction' in the Maestrazzo have sustained the following losses:—Killed on the field of battle, 54 men; shot after being made prisoners, 120 men; pardoned, for various reasons, 107. Among the prisoners shot are the chiefs El Serrador, Viscaro, Laura and Tase; Tarabal and his lieutenant, Pilaren, Cotarro and his second, Martinez El Serano, Tarangues, and Galo de Santa Olson; and 25 generals or officers, including one colonel, one commandant, three captains, and thirteen lieutenants. Since the 29th of May, 14 spies and 19 officers, coming from France, and a certain number of *douaniers* who have joined the bands, have been shot. General Don Juan de Villalonga has, by his energetic activity, not a little contributed to this result."

The Madrid journals still abound with rumors of conspiracies, which are said to be in active preparation at Saragossa, Barcelona, and the capital. It is suspected, however, that reports are raised for political purposes to terrify the timid. It was believed that the Government had resolved to dissolve the Cortes forthwith.

GREECE.—The Russian Government has, at length, acknowledged the constitutional government in Greece. The despatch, however, to the Russian Charge d'Affaires in that country prescribes certain things which the Greeks must not do—a good deal in the style of a monarch addressing a conquered province.

The latest accounts from Athens describe Greece as on the eve of another party strife. Some rioting had taken place in the capital, and "Vive the Constitution," were vociferated under the king's windows. An affray followed, in which two persons were killed. The elections were nearly over. In Messenia, five individuals lost their lives in an electioneering broil.

It appears by a letter from Algiers that the attempt to organize a corps in Algeria mounted on camels, which was at first a failure, has at length been successful. Three hundred men, mounted in this manner, accompanied the last expedition, and manœuvred to the perfect satisfaction of the officers.

In the United Kingdom there are 355 marine steamers, amounting to 109,288 tons. In France there are only 107 steamers, with a tonnage of 10,183 tons. The British marine steam power is therefore eight times as numerous, with a tonnage eleven times greater.

Letters from Frankfort state that the senate of that city has just admitted the Grand Rabbi, Dr. Stein, to the right of a burgess. This is the first time that such a mark of distinction has been bestowed upon a Jew in Frankfort.

The King of Prussia has accorded a new grant of fifty thousand thalers, £7,500, for the completion of the cathedral of Cologne.

UNITED STATES PUBLIC SECURITIES.—The business done in England in the United States Bonds since the last previous steamer, has comprised the following, our quotations being the latest obtained:—

	Redeemable	
Alabama Sterling Bives,	1868	95 ex div
Indiana Fives,	1861-66	—
" Sterling Fives,	1861	37
Illinois Fives,	1870-7	44
" Sterling Sixes,	1870	44
Kentucky Sixes,	1868	93
Louisiana Fives,	1844-47-59-52	70 72
Maryland Sterling Fives,	1869	—
New York Fives,	1858-60	99½ ex div
	1855-60	
Ohio Sixes,	1856-60	—
Pennsylvania Fives,	1854	
	1856	
	1858	
	1860	68
	1861	
	1864	
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GOOD LOOKING FOLKS.—A "good looking woman," called at a tavern in Utica, N. Y., with a "good looking child," the other day at dusk, and asked for lodgings. She was shown into a parlor, but when the landlord brought a light, he found the child only and a bundle of clothes. The woman forgot when she left to leave a card, and the child was too young to know that its mother was out. The overseers of the poor took it in charge.

☞ The latest Yankee notion, says the St. Louis Reveille, that we have heard of, is the progress through life, of a chap who forges ears, and puts in little rings, of fourteen carats quality, at two bits a pair. The advertisement we met with, shows that this new Yankee speculator is named "Hiram Fife," and future commentators upon Shakspeare will, no doubt notice him as the "ear-piercing Fife!"

A NEW APPLE.—The Malay apple (*Eugenia Ambrosia*) is now cultivated at Vicksburg, Miss. In its native clime the tree grows to a height of twenty feet; at Vicksburg it is only five feet in height. The apples are about the size of a small peach, with a similar color, fragrant smell, and have the taste of a very sweet common apple, with one seed in the centre, of the size and color of a chesnut.

MAGIC.—Through the aid of the "mesmeric" influence, says the Attica (N. Y.) Democrat, Harvey Hawkins, of Alexandria, disclosed the place where $1,000 were buried, in the woods, in the neighborhood, the which was dug up, and is now deposited in the Alexander Bank, awaiting the call of the rightful owner. That chap took unnecessary trouble in going to sleep, we suspect.

AN ANCIENT DRUMMER.—Daniel Simpson, the drummer in the band of the New England Guards, was presented with a silver camp mug at the collation at the City Hotel, Boston, on Saturday last, by Col. Sullivan, the first commander in that corps, in 1812. Simpson has been drummer to the corps since its formation, and has missed but one parade in thirty-two years.

MELANCHOLY DISASTER.—The schr. Rover, Hinds, master, sailed from Toronto on Wednesday week with a cargo of salt, for Port de Louisa, on the Lake, and having on board besides the master, his wife and child, a man and a boy. By some accident the schooner went down, and we regret to learn that all but the master met a watery grave.

☞ Joel Holleman, Esq., formerly a representative in Congress from Virginia, and who was the member elect from the county of Isle of Wight to the next House of Delegates of that State, died on Thursday morning week, at the age of 37, of a chronic affection of the liver.

☞ The St. Louis papers announce the death of Daniel Dunkin, formerly Governor of Missouri, aged fifty-four years. He had been sick but a short time, and died at his residence in Jefferson county, of inflammation of the stomach.

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SUMMER WEATHER.—It should be remembered that, during the intense heat of the summer, the process of digestion is performed with such extreme languor, that our food, instead of being speedily dissolved and converted into nutriment for the body, often becomes actually spoiled or putrified in the stomach. Hence bad breath, disagreeable taste in the mouth, colic pains, dysentery, cholera morbus, and other disorders of the intestines.

Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills (Indian Purgatives) are always certain to remove the above dangerous symptoms, and will, in all cases, if persevered with, make a perfect cure; because they carry off by the stomach and bowels the superabundance of bile, which, when interrupted in its downward passage, and taken into the circulation, is diffused through the whole system, giving a deep yellow color to the skin and eyes, and derranging all the functions of the body.

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☞ The workmen commenced to stake out the route for a railroad from Boston to Plymouth, on Monday week. The old Bay State is becoming like a cobweb in appearance, with Boston for the big spider from which these roads spin out.

☞ An extra from the Charlotte, N. C. Jeffersonian informs us that the Branch Mint, at that place, was destroyed by fire on Saturday the 27th, at 8 o'clock in the morning. The books, furniture, coin, and bullion, were saved.

☞ On Peak's Island, near Portland harbor, there is an apple tree which has borne good fruit annually for a century or more. If it might as well have stopped ninety-nine years ago.

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GOOD LOOKING FOLKS.—A "good looking woman," called at a tavern in Utica, N. Y., with a "good looking child," the other day at dusk, and asked for lodgings. She was shown into a parlor, but when the landlord brought a light, he found the child only and a bundle of clothes. The woman forgot when she left to leave a card, and the child was too young to know that its mother was out. The overseers of the poor took it in charge.

☞ The latest Yankee notion, says the St. Louis Reveille, that we have heard of, is the progress through life, of a chap who forges ears, and puts in little rings, of fourteen carats quality, at two bits a pair. The advertisement we met with, shows that this new Yankee speculator is named "Hiram Fife," and future commentators upon Shakspeare will, no doubt notice him as the "ear-piercing Fife!"

A NEW APPLE.—The Malay apple (*Eugenia Ambrosia*) is now cultivated at Vicksburg, Miss. In its native clime the tree grows to a height of twenty feet; at Vicksburg it is only five feet in height. The apples are about the size of a small peach, with a similar color, fragrant smell, and have the taste of a very sweet common apple, with one seed in the centre, of the size and color of a chesnut.

MAGIC.—Through the aid of the "mesmeric" influence, says the Attica (N. Y.) Democrat, Harvey Hawkins, of Alexandria, disclosed the place where $1,000 were buried, in the woods, in the neighborhood, the which was dug up, and is now deposited in the Alexander Bank, awaiting the call of the rightful owner. That chap took unnecessary trouble in going to sleep, we suspect.

AN ANCIENT DRUMMER.—Daniel Simpson, the drummer in the band of the New England Guards, was presented with a silver camp mug at the collation at the City Hotel, Boston, on Saturday last, by Col. Sullivan, the first commander in that corps, in 1812. Simpson has been drummer to the corps since its formation, and has missed but one parade in thirty-two years.

MELANCHOLY DISASTER.—The schr. Rover, Hinds, master, sailed from Toronto on Wednesday week with a cargo of salt, for Port de Louisa, on the Lake, and having on board besides the master, his wife and child, a man and a boy. By some accident the schooner went down, and we regret to learn that all but the master met a watery grave.

☞ Joel Holleman, Esq., formerly a representative in Congress from Virginia, and who was the member elect from the county of Isle of Wight to the next House of Delegates of that State, died on Thursday morning week, at the age of 37, of a chronic affection of the liver.

☞ The St. Louis papers announce the death of Daniel Dunkin, formerly Governor of Missouri, aged fifty-four years. He had been sick but a short time, and died at his residence in Jefferson county, of inflammation of the stomach.

☞ Died, at his residence, in Franklin county, Geo., on the 1st of July, 1844, Wm. Spears, aged 104 years. A large concourse of his friends attended his burial. He was interred with the honors of war.

SUMMER WEATHER.—It should be remembered that, during the intense heat of the summer, the process of digestion is performed with such extreme languor, that our food, instead of being speedily dissolved and converted into nutriment for the body, often becomes actually spoiled or putrified in the stomach. Hence bad breath, disagreeable taste in the mouth, colic pains, dysentery, cholera morbus, and other disorders of the intestines.

Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills (Indian Purgatives) are always certain to remove the above dangerous symptoms, and will, in all cases, if persevered with, make a perfect cure; because they carry off by the stomach and bowels the superabundance of bile, which, when interrupted in its downward passage, and taken into the circulation, is diffused through the whole system, giving a deep yellow color to the skin and eyes, and derranging all the functions of the body.

Beware of Counterfeits.—The public are respectfully informed that all *Travelling Agents* who sell genuine, are provided with a certificate of agency, signed by William Wright, Vice Pres. of N. A. Coll. of Health.

Offices devoted exclusively to the sale of the medicine, wholesale and retail, No. 189 RACE STREET, PHILADA., No. 298 Greenwich Street, New York, and No. 108 Tremont Street, Boston. Also, for sale by Mr John Thompson, No. 153 Liberty St., Pittsburg.

☞ *Remember none are genuine except Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills, and beware of travelling impostors.*

Notes of Storms.

TREMENDOUS STORM.—A tremendous thunder gust, accompanied with torrents of rain, visited Baltimore on Wednesday of last week. Buildings were shattered, and two or three vessels at the wharves lost masts, but no lives. The house of Mr. Gittings, on the Bel Air road was struck, and he and a little son badly injured, while his wife had an infant child knocked out of her arms by the shock. Neither she nor the child were hurt. Three houses which stood together in Caroline Alley were struck, and in one a colored woman named Julia Ann Myers was killed. The inmates of the other houses were also much hurt. Altogether it was one of the most terrible gusts which has visited the city for years.

☞ The Richmond (Ind.) Palladium, says the Whitewater Valley was visited, on the night of the 25th ult., by a perfect deluge of rain. The East Fork, at that place, rose in the course of the night, to a height beyond what it has been for many years. A great destruction of property is the consequence. Several houses in the bottom lands were surrounded and the inmates compelled to move out. One man was compelled to carry his wife from his house, through water nearly waist deep. Several mill-dams are washed away, and mill property much injured.

☞ On Friday, July 26th, Mr. Henry Fuller, and a boy named Hughton, took shelter under an isolated tree, during a thunder shower. Not liking the place the man started to leave it, and had hardly got thirty feet from the tree, when it was shattered by lightning. The boy was struck to the earth, insensible, but being carried to the house, face upward, the falling rain *restored animation*. This is an important fact, and should be borne in mind. The copious use of water upon persons apparently dead by lightning frequently restores them.

☞ There was at New Orleans, on the 28th ult., a violent rain and thunder storm, which lasted several hours. The wind blew almost a hurricane for a few minutes, and this was followed by heavy showers, and at intervals by severe claps of thunder. The Bee says:—One explosion, in particular, was the loudest, and most stunning ever we remember to have heard, and we fear, it has effected serious damage somewhere.

☞ Several thunder squalls visited the vicinity of New York city on Sunday last. A house was struck in Brooklyn, the windows shattered, and chimney thrown down, a portion of the fluid following the water conductor, and splitting the pump. Another house in New York was struck, the fluid also following the conductor to the cistern. No lives were lost.

☞ A storm near Lyons, on the night of the 24th of June, produced one most singular result. Be

Sacred Poetry.

THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST.

BY MRS. W. H. RITCHIE.

"He dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the flood unto the world's end."—PSALM lxxii. 8.

Oh, word of truth to cheer
The weaning pilgrim's ear;
A light to trusting faith forever given
Stretching from sea to sea
That kingdom yet shall be,
Tinging the clouds of earth with rays from heaven.

Lo! to each distant shore,
Wide darkness brooding o'er,
The message of eternal life is borne
O'er India's idol dome,
Where darkness ever reigns,
Soon shall be entered in the glorious name.

Where sculptured fragments lie
Beneath the glowing sky
Where dark oblivion spreads a murky pall,
O'er mastering time holds sway,
Slowly to decay
The heathen temples each to ruin fall!

Tribes of the desert far,
Behold the Morning Star
With beams of ever-living truth shall shine;
And every mountain dell
The chorus glad shall swell,
And spread the tidings of that peace divine

For he shall ever reign,
And death and sin and pain
Shall cease; his promise ever sure will be.
Hasten, oh Lord, the hour
When all shall own thy power,
And humbly writhing souls may thy salvation see.

Family Circle.

A WALK WITH MY WIFE; OR, CONJUGAL RATES OF CONVEYANCE.

Oh! never get married, my boy; never get married, is the abomination of many an old gentleman. I do not say that. I dare say there are some reasonable women in the world; if you can find one, and like her, marry her; and probably you will be more comfortable, on the whole than if you had remained single. But, in fact, however, that matrimony has its troubles. The chief of these is its expense. For double blessedness we must pay a double price. Marriage involves chop *plus* chop, steak *plus* steak, tailor's bill *plus* milliner's, at least; mind that. This is domestic felicity on the cheapest terms.

When you marry, if you have more money than you know what to do with, go and live anywhere in Belgrave-square if you choose. Let otherwise, if you possibly can, take a little place in the country. Depend upon it that a cottage near a wood is eligible upon other than sentimental grounds. Not only are rambles through avenues and green lanes pleasant and salubrious in themselves; but, mark! *there are no shops on either side of you.*

Arabella and I, before we were married, used to be constantly taking long walks into the country. Above us was the blue firmament; around us were hill and dale, fields, flowers, trees, meandering streams, rippling brooks, cows, sheep, and other animals; all pleasing to behold. We returned home in high spirits, and with a good appetite, both of us. We had enjoyed ourselves greatly, and were no poorer than when we set out.

After marriage, my avocations compelling me to reside in town, Arabella began gradually to lose her taste for scenery, and to take to staying within doors, in consequence of which, she became unwell. Our medical man recommended exercise, and I was obliged to insist on her walking out with me.

I will not say where we live, because I am not writing for my wife's edification, but for that of the readers of *Punch*. We took a walk yesterday. Proceeding at a moderate pace, in about twenty minutes we found ourselves in Oxford Street, near Regent Circus.

Here my wife, feeling herself a little tired and out of breath, declared she could go no further. So we stopped; opposite to one of those real nuisances to husbands—a linen-draper's shop, with windows of enormous panes, and a library of I know not how much finery of all sorts and colors in the same; a regular wife-gin or lady-trap. Man-traps are abolished; and I am sure these ought to be. I tried to direct Arabella's attention to the wood pavement; it was of no use; she was fascinated by that window; and there she stood, like a parish boy before a dining room larder. I feared how it would be, and so it was. I was victimized for a thing that shone and glistened and chased god color in different lights; she called it a shot-silk—I wish the man had been shot that put it there.

My wife now felt wonderfully recovered; as able to walk, in fact, as when we set out. Finding this, I proposed going up Portland-place to the Regent's park, where, if we wished, we might get a seat. But Arabella was confident that she should require no such thing, and preferred turning down Regent street. After another stage of about thirty yards, she wanted to rest herself again; this time it was opposite to a jeweller's, of which the consequence was her purchasing some ear-rings, and my paying for them. She remarked, as we recommenced our journey, that she could get on very well by going short distance at a time, and then stopping for a moment. So it appeared, but after passing a shop where there was a very rich shawl, which she admired, she seemed to proceed with much difficulty. About the middle of Regent-street, Arabella thought that by the time we got back she should have had walking enough. I suggested that we might extend our steps to the quadrant. Whereat she lastly bargained with me, in case of her so far exerting herself, for a certain love of a bonnet which she had lately seen there, and which she knew would be gone if she did not get it now. As this would not quite ruin me, and as my wife, if any desire of her's is ungratified, is generally out of temper for some days, I consented to get it for her.

I wish my wife and other ladies would come to an understanding with their husbands, as to the rates of travelling and conveyance, as thus—For one mile three yards of ribbon; two miles one pair of silk stockings; three miles, one silk pelisse; four miles one boa; five miles one muff, &c. &c. But I must not talk of muffs, I suppose, after the above confession. However, I shall manage better in future. I do not object to ladies being properly remunerated for their trouble in walking out with their husbands, but the latter, on the principleof common sympathy, should know what they had to pay beforehand.

—London Punch.

CHILDREN.

"A plague upon your little men and women, I say! Children for my money, do nothing but noisy, happy, good-for-nothing, wholesome-looking children,—with eyes dancing like sunshine in clear pools of water; with hair all tossed in the wild; with every look alive, and every out break of childhood, cheek full of life. I appeal to you, ma'am, you that are dressing up your eldest born, a boy of six,—or your youngest, a girl of four,—after the style of the pictures you see in our fashionable magazines, or in the lithographs of what you find staring at you through the windows of a barber's shop,—what right have you to make such a fool of yourself,—or of your offspring? What are they to be good for, with their boots and straps, and frocks, and furbelows, and bishops, and-so-forths, after you have had the dressing of them for a twelve month? And I appeal to you, sir,—the father, a foolish father, to be sure, but what of that?—maybe the boy is your only child,—or the girl, a legacy,—wouldn't you rather see them both tumbling about heels over head with house-dog or the ponies, or the little negroes, or paddling with their trowsers rolled up to their knees,—trowsers of both sexes I mean,—in that puddle of water yonder,—with the neatest and dirtiest play-fellow they can find, and that most delightful because it most resembles themselves,—wouldn't you, now?—there's a man,—speak out! never mind your wife; speak out and make a clean breast of yourself. We know it weighs hard upon your conscience; we know that you know, that after the dear little creatures' lessons are over, after they have once been thoroughly soaped and washed and combed and combed and scrubbed and brushed they ought to have nothing in this world to do but to make themselves dirty and comfortable just as fast as they like, every day of their lives. The little warm-cheeked, damp-haired, dirty-faced, noisy, romping wretches! How can you have the heart to make dolls of them, helpless and hopeless monsters, miniature men and women? Do you not know, have you no misgivings; do you not know that the surest way in the world of dwarfing mind, and soul,—ay, and the affections too is by dwarfing the bodies of your little ones? Would you have them, when they have got their growth, nothing more than miniature men and women?—silly popinjays,—sickly, nervous pale and perverted? overshadowed by all the true men and women about them, who have been left to grow up in the winds and sunshine? Would you have them droop, withered and blighted, one after another, into a most untimely grave? Yet this is unavoidable, their certain fate, if you hurry their growth, if you force the blossom if you ever-lest the bud in trying to force these plants into an early fruitage.

There are sensible people enough, always at your elbow,—who seem to have no idea of children or babies. From their birth, all these types of the chrysalis,—these glimpses of another world, these embodied instincts, these imperishable blossoms, are looked upon by them as neither more nor less than so many little gentlemen and ladies. They will not even consent to regard them as seedling men and women; but as gentlemen and ladies in full dress, with all their flounces and furbelows, dickies and moustaches in full feather, seen through the wrong end of a spy-glass.

Just carry their notions out, and what a precious world this would be for the sake of two or three generations. Luckily for mankind, however, and still more luckily for woman kind—since may have all the trouble and hardly a tithe of the comforts vouchsafed to fathers and mothers, by the present arrangements of society,—there are always children enough, downright children, blossoming about the hedges and by-ways, out among the poor and oppressed, to keep the stock good. But for them the world itself would have gone out long ago; and the last of our race would have been but a generation of prettily dressed, and prettily behaved pigmies, born for aught we know to be contrary, with wigs and lawn-petticoats, false whiskers and false hair to distinguish the sexes."—*John Neal.*

TOUCHING INCIDENT.

The New Haven has the following well told story. We could not find it in our hearts to cut out any part of it.

"As Dr. S. A. Main, Dentist, of Woodbury, was riding through the town of Grafton, Mass., on Friday last, he heard the terrific screams of two females upon a stone wall, opposite a good looking house. They appeared to be exhausted with terror, and making an effort to give an alarm to some person or persons in a distant lot. Dr. M. and his friend left their carriage and approached the ladies. They bade him go into the house, but without affording any explanation. He was accompanied by one of them, who ejaculated continually,—'I've killed it. I've killed it, I've killed it.'

He followed her into the parlor, and there discovered an infant, whose age was about 4 months, lying upon its back, quite black in the face, and apparently near the end of life. After much effort, he learned that the mother had intended to give the child a tea-spoonful of paregoric, but the sister who went for it, took by mistake, the laudanum bottle, and the mother gave the poisonous dose to the child. She, however, discovered her error in ten or fifteen minutes after the drug had been given. While Dr. M. was examining the child, the father, Mr. Roswell Clark, alarmed by the screams of the women, entered the house in breathless haste, and seeing their agony and getting no explanation, seized Dr. M. with some violence. He was able to state in a word the cause of the agitation, and then asked for an emetic, but was told there was none in the house.

He next asked for the vinegar, as he recollected reading in the papers that vinegar was sometimes an antedote for laudanum—*but to all his enquiries he was met by the sobs of one, and the cry of the mother,* "I've killed it." The father had mounted his horse for a physician, but was assured that no help could come from one in season to be available, when he abandoned the attempt. Dr. M. in the mean time was obliged himself to search the house for vinegar, which he found, and at once administered a table-spoonful. In less than three minutes after, the child exhibited signs of life, by a twitching of the muscles, and soon it began to vomit and cry, and in less than half an hour it was out of danger. The Doctor, seen on gratitude towards Dr. M. on the part of the family, was quite embarrassing. When refusing the money offered him, the mother insisted upon his taking a gold necklace which she unclasped from her neck, and it was with great difficulty that he could escape without it.

He gave us permission, for the benefit of others, to state the remedy he applied, though he may be surprised that we have gone so into the particulars; but the account may interest others as it certainly did us. Parents will do well to remember the virtues of vinegar in such cases, though they had better not give their children laudanum in paregoric. When Dr. M. returned through Grafton, he found the child quite well except a slight bowel complaint, probably the effect of its severe dosing.

WOMEN OF LEBANON.

In the east, woman's lovely countenance is rarely or never seen; but the Christian tenets of this part of "the mountain" (as Lebanon is called *par excellence*) allowing its bright radiance to shine unreservedly on man; and amongst all the nations, even in the lower classes, are to be met with faces and features that would elicit admiration from, and fix the attention of, those least sensible to the attractions of female charms. A profusion of raven locks, with the clear and ruddy complexion of more northern regions, added often to an eye of the deepest and darkest blue, are the usual characteristics of these mountain nymphs. As to their dress, although many do not admire that singular part of the costume called the "tontura," or high silver horn, placed on the top of the head, and which, though it might look *outre* amidst the crowds of our cities or salons, yet here, amidst the roar of burning torrents, under the dark shade of topping crags, or gracefully leaning, as in the present instance, on high over their terrace roofs, these female figures, with the long white veil which overhangs and partly conceals the "horn") wildly streaming in the breeze, had at once a wild and mystic effect, highly in accordance with the surrounding savage scenery, of which at first glance they might be mistaken for the tutelar spirits. Whatever we might have thought of them, these daughters of the hills were much amused with the novelty of our appearance—cordially returned the salutations and inquiries after our health, and seemed quick in their repartees to the several jokes which Master Giorgio appeared to indulge in at their expense, and which, from the boisterous merriment they elicited, seemed to be well appointed and much to the point.—*Colonel Napier's Wild Sports in Europe, Asia, and Africa.*

Foreign Sketches.

LONDON BATHING.

FROM THE BOSTON CHRONICLE.

London needs to wash itself. The pitchy smoke that is ever going up from its myriads of chimneys, and especially belching forth from the furnaces of steam engines, manufacturing establishments, hangs like a cloud over the city, and is for ever sifting down little feathery carbonaceous particles, by the good housewives, called "blacks," into all open vessels, and upon all fair and unfair faces—a sort of black snow. The ablutions of nobility, gentility and respectability, are frequent. The large and well constructed houses are abundantly fitted and furnished with bathing tubs, silver baths, foot baths, ewers, reservoirs of water, &c. As to the millions who have not these conveniences, and not the time or care to make frequent use of the purifying element, they are called, for distinction's sake, the "unwashed." Yet some of them do wash, as you shall see.

The mornings are fine in London. The fires and the people have gone to sleep at the commencement of the short hours, and 5 A. M. an hour after sunrise, the smoke having cleared away and the sleep of all London being at about its profoundest point, if you will walk abroad you shall have all your own, for very little street meets pretty much to yourself. Suppose at this hour of a Sunday morning we visit Hyde Park. It is but a mile from Regent street, and the way to it lies through the finest architecture of shops and mansions of the West end.

Look up and down over its broad flaggings and smooth and clean wooden pavement, and not a living being do you see, except perhaps a man riding on a she ass tethered to four others, and whose purpose is to take the animals to his customers to be milked. But London is not wholly asleep. There is a buzzing in the narrow lanes and passages. Parties—one or more—like ourselves, are walking toward the Serpentine river in Hyde Park. If I have not said it before, I will say it now, that Hyde Park is an ornamental common, about one mile wide and two miles long, enclosed by an iron fence, and planted with noble trees. A part of it, more sacred than the rest, and into which you must not enter if you have a bundle or are not well dressed, is beautiful with flowers and shrubbery, and at the end of it stands old Kensington palace, a strange labyrinth of brick and mortar, dwelt in now only by the hangers on of royalty.

Partly in the garden and partly in the Park is an artificial river, lake, pond, or pool. It is supplied by means of iron pipes with pure water, which at one end spouts up through a marble fountain. It is about a mile in length, and is spanned at its egress from the gardens into the Park with a beautiful stone bridge of half a dozen arches the width, I should think, being about 20 rods. From the bridge it sweeps gracefully down a valley in the Park for at least half a mile, surrounded with elms, some of which are three feet in diameter at root, the smooth green sward sloping down to its brink on one side, and a nice gravel road skirting it on the other. In all this part below the bridge the public are allowed to bathe till 8 o'clock, A. M., except that by lettered boards they are requested to bathe on the opposite side to the road, and are kindly warned of some dangerous places, where cold springs pouting in are supposed to give the cramp. But the whole of it we now find surrounded by men and boys of the unwashed, divesting themselves and plunging in. Such a scene!

As near as I can estimate by counting and calculating, here are three thousand people upon the shores at once. One third of them are in the *forked radish* state, capering upon the shore, or gambolling—some few swimming to the water; the rest are dressing or undressing, and their drapery is not always the choicest. One wonders that in a country were clothing is so exceedingly cheap, strong, healthy men wear such dilapidated garments as many of them do. Were it not for the crowds it is really a delightful place, and fit for naiads to bathe in. Though in the heart of the city, the chimney tops can only be seen at a distance through the trees. The grass is like velvet, and the brink is cleanly and nicely gravelled. At the present time, however, owing perhaps to the terrible drought, the water about the edges is covered with a mantle much greener than the grass. And even when you have got out into the middle, as you swim along one those sooty feathers from the chimneys resting every where upon the surface, unless it is a good deal ruffled with the wind.

Art has here tried hard and done wonders. But it cannot make and keep in order one of nature's crystal lakes in a great city. Still, turbid as the water is, and approaching to stagnancy, it has a purifying effect upon some subjects, for I saw some men plunge in as black as Ethiopians, and come out like lilies—they were "coal-heavers." The people are constantly coming and going, and by 8 o'clock *I* have no doubt 10,000 had come, and gone away refreshed. They seemed to be altogether laboring people—some were old and bent with toil—some were forms for sculptors to study with delight. All behaved, as far as I saw, with the greatest decorum. One would think there would be a chance, if not for picking pockets, for carrying off trousers, pockets and all. But the thing is never done. Clothes are laid down and left with the utmost safety. One of our sanguine non-resistance brethren would derive an argument, from this perfect honesty of so great a rabble for *no-government.*

But I take it the rogues understand they would be pretty sure of a ducking, to say nothing of the omnipresent police. Where all are alike exposed, there must be pretty strong public opinion in favor of honesty. The Humane Society has a receiving-house for drowned persons on the shore of this water, and keeps four or five beats constantly plying during bathing hours, to pick up any that get into difficulty. Such a thing is a great blessing; it would be a magnificent accommodation for Boston, but it is a mere drop in the bucket for London. Every city should have well regulated bathing houses, enough to accommodate the whole population of both sexes with a daily bath—the poor agreed, and the rest at the cost. Them's my sentiments.

FOGS.

The month of June of this year will long be remembered in Boston and vicinity for the drought which prevailed. No rain fell—nor were there any dews or fogs during the month. Indeed, we have never known a season when so little fog has been witnessed in the bay. Of course we have had a few easterly winds, and the atmosphere has been greatly fog in the invalid. In the summer, as well as the spring months, dense fogs are usually frequent on our coast, and prove inconvenient and dangerous to the navigator. Indeed, a fog at sea is universally disliked by the thorough sailor, who, while the ship is enveloped in thick veil, which conceals from sight the jib-boom, experiences a feeling of gloom, of insecurity, of indefinite danger, for which he cannot account. Ajax Telamon was probably lost in a fog when, in an agony of anxiety, he prayed to Jupiter to grant him the power to see his enemies, who were around him. But we have no such fogs on this continent as are sometimes experienced in Europe. London fogs are so dense, so fearfully dense and consequence, and the gloom which they cast over the spirits of the hypocondriac often causes him to commit suicide. At such times business is generally suspended, lights are used in all the swellings at noon-day, and thousands of persons are literally lost in the fog while attempting to perambulate the streets. But the fogs in London, after all, are but cakes and gingerbread compared to the fogs of Amsterdam paragonic. Moreover the Zuyder Zee, and the fact that that city is reticulated with canals, renders it dangerous in the extreme to those fool-hardy persons who will venture to leave their homes at such times. The most destructive fog which probably ever occurred at Amsterdam was on the last day of the year 1790, when it was so dense that the people could not see their way along the streets, and ran against each other, even though they had lights in their hands. The accidents it occasioned were very numerous, but the most lamentable was the number of people who perished from falling into the canals, where they were drowned before assistance could be given them, though their cries could be distinctly heard. The number of persons who perished in this way amounted to two hundred and thirty.

—Bost. Mer. Jour.

THE BELVIDERE APOLLO.

BY H. H. MILMAN.

Heard ye the arrow hurtle in the sky?
Heard ye the dragon-monster's deadlier cry?
In settled majesty of fierce disdain,
Proud of his might, yet scornful of his slain.
The heavenly archer stands—no human birth,
No perishable denizen of earth;
Youth blooms immortal on his beardless face,
A god in strength, with more than godlike grace;
All, all divine—no struggling muscle gives,
Through heaving vein no mantling life-blood flows,
But animate with Deity alone,
In deathless glory lives the breathing stone.

Bright kindling with a Conqueror's stern delight,
His keen eye tracks the arrow's fateful flight;
Scorn his indignant nostril, scorn his lip
And his lip quivers with insulting sneer
Firm fixed his tread, yet light, as when on high
He walks the impalpable and pathless sky;
The rich luxuriance of his hair, confined
In graceful negligence, waves on the wind,
That lifts in sport his mantle's drooping fold
Poised to display that form of faultless mould.

Mighty Ephesian! with an angel's flight
Thy proud wave sounded through the fields of light,
View'd the bright conclave of Heaven's blest abode,
And the cold mantle leapt to life a god;
Contagious awe through heedless crowds ran,
And nations bow'd before the work of man.
For mold he seemed, as in Elysian bowers,
Of setting in some case the joyous hours,
Haughty, as bards have sung, with princely sway,
Curbing the fierce flame-breathing steeds of day;
Beauteous as vision seen in ecstatic sleep,
He holy maid on Delphi's haunted steep,
Wid the dim twilight of the laurel grove,
Too fair to worship, too divine to love.

Yet on that form, in wild delicious trance,
With more than reverence gazed the Maid of France.
Day after day she knew such dreamer stood
With him alone, nor thought a solitude;
To cheerish grief, her last, her dearest care,
He one fond moment at her side departed,
Oft as the shifting light her sight beguiled,
Blushing she shrank, and thought the marble smiled.
Oh breathless lov'ding breed, or seemed to be
A voice of music mell upon the ear.
Slowly she wanted, and oft, with wonderous grown,
Closed her dim eyes, herself benumbed to none
Yet love in death a sickly strength supplied,
Once more she gazed, then freely smiled, and died

CHRISTMAS IN NORWAY.

Thanks be to God for the sun! So many friends, so many joys, desert us during our pilgrimage through life—the sun remains true to us, and lights and warms us from the cradle to the grave. This it is which unites the Pagan and the Christian in one common worship, inasmuch as it lifts the hearts of both to the God who has created the sun. The highest festival of the year among the Northern Heathens and Christians occurs also at the season in which the sun, as it were, is born anew to the world, and his strength is renewed from a waning to waxing. With the greatest cordiality is this festival celebrated in the Scandinavian countries. Not alone in the houses of the wealthy blaze up fires of joy, and are heard the joyful cries of children; from the humblest cottage also resounds joy; in the prism it becomes bright, and the poor partake of plenty. In the country, doors, hearths and tables stand open to every wanderer. In many parts of Norway the inn-keeper demands no payment from the traveller either for board or lodging. This is the time in which the earth seems to feel the truth of the heavenly words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And not only human beings, but animals also have their good things at Christmas. All the inhabitants of the farmyard, all domestic animals, are entertained in the best manner; and the little birds of heaven rejoice too, for at every barn a tall stake raises itself, on the top of which rich sheaves of oats invites them to a magnificent meal. even the poorest day laborer, if he himself possesses no corn, asks and receives from the peasants a bundle of corn, raises it aloft, and makes the birds rejoice beside his empty barn.—*Miss Bremer.*

MY FADED FLOWER.

FROM THE NEW MIRROR.

"Print it, dear ——'tis genuine heart music. Though you shall find it rude and smooth, there is a stream of tenderness in it—the instincts of nature."—*From a Friend.*

With a dim and mute surprise,
Looking out her violet eyes,
She passed through life as a fold gleam,
And faded like a dream.

Watching her, day by day,
Night after night—with no time to pray—
We shuddering saw her struggle with death,
Then smile away her breath.

Faintly as bear her bier
That little one—when called to part,
We found that a strong and mighty chain
Was rudely snapped in twain.

Linking her heart with mine,
Closely, so strongly, did it twine
Around my soul—and lightning-like
Played on it from above.

Hoist, sleeping and dead!
Those—and lids over thy silent bed,
Laugh and weep to the summer sky—
Would I too could die!

For life is a dull, sad fever,
Eating into the heart forever;
And smiles are but mocking dreams—and love
Leaves but a broken heart.

Withered with ceaseless care,
Fainting with weariness and despair,
Weak and fearful and sick at heart,
I sigh but to depart

My daughter rest—and to heaven!
If to thee it is happy given,
Put up a prayer with thy gentle eyes,
To haste me to the skies.

Selected Articles.

DINNER AT CAPE MAY.

FROM THE PHILADELPHIA DAILY CHRONICLE.

"Mercy! there's the gong for dinner,
Hurry, Lizzie, we'll be late.
I wish my hair would curl like mine—
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ANECDOTES OF JUDGE PETERS.

When Judge Peters was Speaker of the House of Assembly, one of the members, in crossing the room, tript on the carpet, and fell down. The House burst into laughter, while the Judge, with the utmost gravity, cried—"Order, order, gentlemen; do you not see that a member has the floor?!"—which is the usual way of requiting silence when any one rises to speak.

At the beginning of our revolutionary war, the Judge was elected captain of a volunteer company of infantry. When he called at the pay-master's to settle his first six months' accounts, that officer remarked to him that they were large, and added:

"Pray, captain, how many men do you command?"

"Not one," replied the Judge.

"How ye! exclaimed the pay-master, "such heavy accounts as these, and not command one man?"

"No," replied the Judge; "but I am commanded by ninety."

When Lafayette was in America, he told us at the Judge's house, that he and the Judge made their grand entrance into Philadelphia in a barouche and four. The dust kicked up by the volunteer troopers annoyed them much.

"Ah!" said the Judge, "most of these horsemen are lawyers, and they are always throwing dust in my eyes."

On another occasion, the Judge was standing by Lafayette, when a young military officer, in addressing the general, said,

"Sir: although we were not born to partake in your Revolutionary hardships, yet we mean, should your country be attacked, to tread in the shoes of your brave forefathers."

"No, no," cried the Judge, "that you can never do, because your forefathers fought barefooted."

A lawyer, engaged in a cause before the Judge, tormented a poor German witness so much with questions, that the old man declared he was exhausted that he must have a drink of water before he could say anything more. Upon this, the Judge called out to the teasing lawyer, "I think, sir, you must be done with that witness now, for you have pumped him dry."

HARD PUSHED.

Mr. Walsh, in one of his letters, tells the following story of the address of a Parisian dandy. He was invited to be early at the Legitimist Civil Ball, and, by a mistake, he had to promised her hand for the first quadrille. A convivial meeting detained him at his apartment later than he expected. He found that he had scarcely time for his toilet, and was obliged to dress in a hurry. Unfortunately, he might be already in life, and it was impossible to proceed on foot in a February splash. We see every day passing in the streets covered litters on which the sick soldiers or the poor are borne by two or four men to the hospitals. The idea occurred to him in his gallant despair to sent a wallet for a *crevetre* and this was speedily procured. He extended himself full dressed in the curtains were duly closed; and two stalwart porters carried the patient in his pumps; passed the whole long line of carriages, the municipal guards and every one else respectfully giving way; and when they entered at the grand gates of the Chateau, to reach the distant vestibule, the cry arose that it was an unfortunate laborer who had fallen from the scaffolding erected in the neighborhood for the preparation of certain decorations of the ball. Our hero passed unworthy of notice, and safe in the throng in the ante-chamber before the police sentinels awoke from their astonishment.

Our Scrap Book.

THE FLIRT.

BY SIR ROBERT AYTON

I do confess thou'rt sweet, yet find
Thee such an unkind of thy wayes,
The favours are but like the wind,
That kisses everything it meets;
And since thou canst with more than one,
Thou'rt worthy to be kiss'd by none.

The morning rose that unshaved stands,
Attai'd with her locks, has scarcely smelt
But plucked and strain'd through rudes hands,
Her scent no longer with her dwells,
But scent and beauty both are gone,
And leaves fall from her one by one.

Such fate, e'er long, will thee befalle,
When thou has handled been awhile,
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☞ In the windows of several of the hotels on the continent, are bills with this candid invitation: "The British traveller taken in here."—The Marquis of Hertford says, it was the *bill* he saw inside that assured him of the fact.

☞ A Yankee has invented yellow spectacles, for making lard look like butter. They are a great saving in expense, as lard eaten with these spectacles on tastes very much the same as stewed oil.

☞ A Western paper speaking of some man's profanity says. "He ripped out such a string of oaths that he would have cut the stump to the roots and turned the sky yellow."

☞ A Yankee has invented a drilling machine which not only drills wood, rocks and iron, but is also useful in drilling military companies.

☞ "Ache away," said a man to his tooth, "you hurt yourself more than you do me."

Choice Selections.

"OUR ANCIENT INSTITUTIONS."

Freemen! one of the toasts proposed the other evening, at the conversation dinner, at Covent Garden, was Our Ancient Institutions. Punch very much questions if those who drank it knew what they were drinking. By this he means no insinuation against "the wine; although he will confess, for himself, that he never dined at a public dinner yet at which he did not wonder what the port and sherry were made of. He would only ask whether, when Our Ancient Institutions were duly drunk, the company had any idea of what they swallowed! Because, if not, he begs to tell them, and, in case they are jolly fellows, the information may be worth having, that the said toast might be very advantageously substituted for many others, which, celebrated with a bumper each, would go far to make any gentleman comfortable. He will just mention a few.

"The Great Charter."

"The Feudal System; with the Power of Pit and Gallows."

"Trial by Battle and Ordeal," which last toast might be coupled with "Speed the Hot Plough-share."

"The Application of Dental Surgery, for the increase of the Crown Revenues, to Gentlemen of the Hebrew Persuasion."

"The Statute De Heretico Comburendo."

"Ditto against Witchcraft."

"The Star Chamber."

"The 'Peine-Forte et Dure' and Examination by Torture."

"Hanging, Drawing and Quartering."

"The Penal Laws, with the Test and Corporation Acts."

"The good old Criminal Code, with its Punishment of Death for stealing a yard of muslin."

In connection with the above, various accessory toasts, emblematical of the wisdom and goodness of our ancestors, so evinced in their institutions, might be proposed, as, "The Rack," "The Thumb-screws," and "The Scavenger's Daughter."—*London Punch.*

THE SUIT OF RUSSET BROWN.

BY ELIZA COOK.

We copy the following for the sake of the illustration it gives of the Poetic Spirit, and the beauty, worth, and truth self-evident to every *sensible* person, but which many young ladies are slow to learn, and which many more have learned to their sor